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Tehran pounded as Iran launches ground offensive

## Iraq intensifies missile attack

BAGHDAD, March 14, (Agencies): Iraq said it fired seven missiles at Tehran and its planes raided targets in six Iranian towns today as Baghdad and several border centres came under Iranian fire. Iran also launched its second offensive along the northern battlefield today.

A military spokesman said the raids were in retaliation for Iran breaking a short-lived unofficial truce to end a two-week flareup in the "war of the cities."

He said an Iranian missile smashed into a residential area of Baghdad at 11.55 am (0855 GMT), killing or wounding a number of people in the first such strike on the capital since last Thursday. Iran said it fired two missiles.

Iran threatened today to turn Baghdad into an inferno for missile attacks on Tehran.

### Weaken

Tehran Radio, quoted Prime Minister Mir Hossein Mousavi as saying Iraqi attacks would not weaken Tehran's resolve to deal stronger counter-blows in punishment for Baghdad's aggression.

Iraq also said it launched a missile against Tehran last night and seven more rockets today.

### 200 Iranians freed

BAGHDAD, (Reuters): The main Iranian opposition Mujahideen Khalq Organisation said yesterday it had released 200 captured Iranian troops on the occasion of next week's Iranian new year.

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### Zayed, Mubarak hold talks

## Call for united stand on Gulf war

CAIRO, March 14, (Agencies): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and the President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) called today for a united Arab stand to make peace between Iran and Iraq.

Egyptian Information Minister Saad Sharif told reporters Mubarak and Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan also agreed to consult with Arab leaders to ease tension in the Gulf and stop the war expanding.

"Arabs must cooperate to put an end to this bloodshed in the interest of the two countries, the entire region and world peace," Sharif said. Both countries support Iraq in the war.

### Campaign

"The two leaders stressed that the Gulf's security is the same as Egypt's security," he added.

Sharif said Sheikh Zayed, who began a three-day state visit yesterday, announced support for Mubarak's campaign for peace in the Middle East. It is his first

## Ershad may declare Islam as state religion

DHAKA, March 14, (Reuters): President Hossain Mohammad Ershad has said Bangladesh's newly elected Parliament will discuss a law making Islam the state religion of the world's third most populous Muslim country.

Nearly 90 per cent of Bangladeshis are guided by Islam from birth to death," he told an Islamic congregation at Sarsina in southern Bangladesh yesterday.

"Then there's no justification why the religion of the vast majority of people will not be accepted as state religion," he said.

### Clapped

Thousands of devotees cheered and clapped as the President announced "the next Parliament will consider a bill to provide a religious identity to the nation."

As a further move towards Islamisation, Ershad said he would rename the Bangladeshi Red Cross as Red Crescent "to uphold the spirit of Islam," the official BSS news agency said.

Ershad spoke of his plans as nearly 3,000 Muslims staged a noisy but peaceful demonstra-

### 24 Pakistanis die in avalanche

ISLAMABAD, March 14, (Reuters): An avalanche struck a remote village in northern Pakistan, killing 24 people, the official APP news agency said.

APP said the avalanche hit Korak in the Pakistani portion of the Himalayan state of Kashmir on Friday night and destroyed homes and irrigation works.

town of Qurnah and the northern town of Halabja, which reporters were advised to avoid.

Reporters said Iranian artillery was shelling "almost all Iraqi border towns..."

### Shelling

"The continuation of Iranian shelling of residential areas means that we will go on attacking not only Tehran but also other Iranian towns," he said.

The missile attacks threatened to unleash a new round in the "war of the cities" — strikes on the civilians of Iran and Iraq that have killed thousands of people since 1983.

Hundreds of people were killed in nearly two weeks of missile attacks on Tehran and Baghdad that were brought to an end Friday by a fragile truce.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Bertolucci wins Director's Guild of America award

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., March 14. (Agencies): Bernardo Bertolucci won the coveted Director's Guild of America award for "The Last Emperor," a victory that makes him the favourite for this year's Oscar as best director.

The winner of the Director's Guild Award for a motion picture has gone on to win the best director Academy Award in 37 of the past 40 years.

The Italian filmmaker called for more sophistication in movie making and less imitation of television, as he accepted the award on Saturday night from last year's winner, Oliver Stone, before 2,000 directors and guests at the Beverly Hilton hotel.

"Film is an international language that demonstrates no difference of the classes. The cinema is a marvellous and dangerous weapon when it is wielded by a free spirit," Bertolucci said.

### Intimidated

"Too many movies have been intimidated by television," he said. "Movies have tried to imitate the ... language of television."

Bertolucci, who turns 47 next week, defeated James Brooks for "Broadcast News," Adrian Lyne for "Fatal Attraction," Lasse Hallstrom for "My Life as a Dog," and Steven Spielberg for "Empire of the Sun."

Spielberg was the last exception to the DGA-Academy Award connection. He won the guild award for "The Color Purple" in 1985 but was not even nominated for the Oscar.

Lyne and Hallstrom are also

up for this year's best-director Oscar in the April 11 awards presentation.

• Meanwhile, comedian Bill Cosby won four People's Choice Awards and the movie "Fatal Attraction" won three from an admiring public that also bestowed honours on Cybill Shepherd, Dolly Parton and Whitney Houston.

"This is particularly special for me," said Miss Shepherd, named favourite female television performer for her role in the "Moonlighting" series on the ABC broadcasting network.

The public chose the winners in the 14th annual People's Choice Awards, broadcast last night.

Winners were determined by a gallup poll of 5,000 people older than 12, a statistical representation of nearly 196 million people.

Cosby was named favourite male TV performer for the fourth consecutive year and favourite all-around male entertainer for the third. He also won a new award — all-time favourite TV star — while his series on the NBC broadcasting network, "The Cosby Show," won its fourth comedy programme award.

"L.A. Law" on the NBC broadcasting network was the favourite TV dramatic programme. "Three Men and a Baby" won for comedy movie and "Fatal Attraction" for dramatic motion picture. Its leads, Michael Douglas and Glenn Close, were picked top motion picture performers.

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## 4 killed, 8 wounded in Lebanon violence

BEIRUT, March 14, (AP): Four people were killed and eight wounded in 24 hours of scattered shootouts and bombings in Lebanon, police said today.

The violence reflected tensions between rival forces in the strife-torn country that have simmered despite a lull in the 13-year-old civil war and factional feuding.

Police identified the slain as two officers from the Lebanese Forces, the Christians' main militia, another from Druze leader Walid Jumblatt's progressive Socialist Party militia and a Palestinian commander.

### Motive

Among the casualties was Nimeh Hamieh, a Shiite Muslim attorney, critically wounded when a time-bomb exploded on a window ledge outside the bathroom of his West Beirut apartment as he was shaving today, police said.

Hamieh, a former chairman of Lebanon's Bar Association, was

rushed to the Barbir hospital by neighbours, police said. They declined to speculate on the motive for the assassination attempt.

The two Lebanese Forces officers were killed yesterday by bodyguards of President Amin Gemayel's 18-year-old son, Pierre, in a quarrel in a traffic-jammed street in the Christian port of Jounieh, 12 1/2 miles (20 kilometers) north of Beirut, police said.

The militia command identified them as Lt. George Shawah and First Lt. Ziad Habshi.

Police said that the young Gemayel's bodyguards fired shots in the air to clear a way through the traffic jam for the car in which the president's son was riding.

The two Lebanese Forces officers ran out from a nearby cafe to find out what was happening and began arguing with Gemayel's men.

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## Jassar, Mahathir discuss ways to strengthen ties

KUALA LUMPUR, March 14. (Kuna): Kuwait's Minister of Awqaf and Religious Affairs, Khalid Al Jassar today met with the Malaysian Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamad to discuss matters of concern for both countries.

The meeting at parliament building here was also attended by the Malaysian Minister in Charge of Religious Affairs Dr. Yusof Noor, the Kuwaiti Islamic Affairs Director Nader Al Nouri, Al Jassar's secretary, Faisal Husain Al Ghaffar and both the Kuwaiti Ambassador to Malaysia Essa Abdul Rahman Al Essa and the Malaysian envoy to Kuwait Zainal Abidin Elias.

**Strengthen**  
Earlier, the Kuwaiti delegation held separate meeting with Dr Yusof on matters relating to religious affairs.

"I am very pleased with the

meetings," the Kuwaiti minister told Kuna in an exclusive interview here later.

He said at the meeting with Mahathir, he took the opportunity to convey the regards of HH the Amir of Kuwait and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah to the Malaysian Premier, the government and people of Malaysia.

### Model

Jassar said in response to this, Mahathir asked him to convey his regards and appreciation to the Amir and the Crown Prince.

"Dr Mahathir also expressed his earnest hope that the existing brotherly relations and cooperation between Kuwait and Malaysia will further strengthen in the coming years," he said.

Al Jassar added the Prime Minister also briefed him on the efforts being made by the



● Japanese embassy Commercial Attaché S Sakurai hosted a reception on Sunday at the Kuwait Hilton Hotel to introduce his successor Hori. Sakurai will return to Tokyo shortly. Picture shows from left to right Sakurai, Mrs Sakurai, the Japanese Ambassador Tadakiyo Nomura, Hori, Mrs Hori and Nakamura of Japanese embassy.

## Sheikh Jaber Mubarak in talks with Sheikh Issa

MANAMA, March 14. (Kuna): The Amir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa today received in his office the visiting Information Minister of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad and exchanged views on relations between the two Gulf states particularly in the field of information.

They also reviewed efforts made to bring about the peoples of the two states further closer.

According to the Gulf News Agency the Amir of Bahrain stressed the importance of increasing cooperation in the field of information with a view to further promote understanding between the two states in socio-political fields and spread it equally at the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) level.

The meeting was attended by Bahrain's Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa and the Kuwaiti Charge d'Affaires in Bahrain, Laft Al Ajami.

The Kuwaiti Information Minister who arrived here last night on an official visit to Bahrain also held a meeting today with his Bahraini counterpart Tariq Abdul Rahman Al Moayid and discussed with him matters of bilateral cooperation relating to the radio and television programmes, archaeology museums, publications and theatrical arts.

The two ministers also stressed the importance of exchanging visits by information officials between the two states.

## Sheikh Sabah meetings

ACTING Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed yesterday received Minister of Finance Jassim Al Khorafi, Social Affairs and Labour, Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed and Minister of State for Municipal Affairs, Mohammed Abd Al Mohsen Al Rufai.

Sheikh Sabah also received chairman of the Arab World Institute in Paris Paul Carton and they reviewed the institute's activities and its role in presenting Arab civilisation and its impact on the modern world.

He also received Khaled Yousef Al Marzouq and Dr Khaled Al Mathkour, professor at Shari'a College of Kuwait University.

Later on, Sheikh Sabah met with chairman and members of the Kuwaiti Farmers Union.

## KD 1m subsidy

KUWAIT spent KD 1.1 million in January on subsidies for basic commodities, according to a responsible source at the supply and consumer protection department of the Commerce and Industry Ministry.

He said that KD 459,257 was spent on items distributed on ration cards, such as rice, sugar, milk powder and garbage bags.

He added that KD 466,846 was spent on children's food, flour sold to bakeries and fresh milk.

The balance was spent on other items and for transport and storage.

## Shot dead

SHIHAB H. shot to death another Khalaf A. on Sunday night at Failaka Island.

The two men were quarrelling and Shihab fired six bullets from his pistol into Khalaf, who died instantly.

### Reduction of staff

ABDUL Rahman Al Khudair, the Undersecretary of Kuwait's Education Ministry, said the recent ministry decision to reduce the number of secretaries and storekeepers was based on organisational needs.

Sayeh, in an interview with a Kuwaiti magazine added that jihad is one of the holy duties of Muslims that should never be forsaken.

He called for ignoring statements of US President Reagan and Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres since "we have

also been made to control personnel growth and to transfer some personnel to new schools.

### Training course

THE closing ceremony at the end of a training course on fingerprints was attended by the assistant undersecretary for public security affairs at the Interior Ministry, Brigadier Abdul Aziz Jumaa.

The director general of the department, Brigadier Mansour Al Ibrahim, said that 38 female employees attended the course and 30 passed. They were shown how to take and identify fingerprints.

Brigadier Jumaa and Brigadier Al Ibrahim distributed the certificates.

### Big drug haul

CID men at Ahmadi Governorate have arrested an unemployed Saudi on a charge of trading in narcotics.

They seized 28 big bags and two big sacks full of narcotic pills.

The man admitted the charge and said the narcotics were smuggled into the country in a truck driven by a Turk.

CID sources said the sacks contained about three million pills.

## Lecture on effect of maids on security



A LECTURE on the effect of maids on public security was given to mothers of children attending the Bayader kindergarten by Captain Yacoub Al Fadala of the Interior Ministry's public relations department. He

spoke of the danger of leaving maids and other servants alone in the house when employers went on summer vacation, adding that this resulted in thefts and other crimes.

He explained the new foreign-

ers residence law which limited the number of expatriate maids. He said the gravest crimes committed by domestics was murder and dealing in drugs and liquor. Picture shows Captain Al Fadala addressing the gathering.

## Arab committee for London for talks with UK officials

BAGHDAD, March 14. (Kuna): Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, accompanied by the Secretary General of the Arab League Chadi Klibi today left here for London to join the seven-man Arab committee on the popular Palestinian uprising in Arab lands occupied by Israel.

Before his departure, Tariq Aziz in a press statement said that the Arab committee will discuss with British officials necessary steps to be taken to find a just solution to the Palestinian problem particularly in view of the Palestinian revolt in the occupied territories.

The official news agency Petra said Masi and other members of a group appointed by the Arab League in January would meet British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe tomorrow.

They aimed to win support for a Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and for efforts to reach a lasting Middle East settlement, Petra added.

### Lobby

It said the Arab League group planned to lobby all the Security Council's permanent members — the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China.

Arab minister said that the joint Arab committee has been entrusted with the task of monitoring the Palestinian uprising and considering the need for moral and material support to the Palestinians struggling

for their rights.

The group also includes the Foreign Ministers of Syria, Algeria, Tunisia, Iraq and Saudi

not against it, Sayeh emphasised, adding that it was executed to affirm the Palestinian deportees' right to return to their homeland.

Sayeh hailed the Islamic movement in the occupied Arab territories and hoped that differences would not persist between it and the nationalist movement because this is what the Americans and Jews wish.

The PNC speaker hailed the Palestinian people not because they are Palestinians but rather for confronting the Zionist military war machine with bare chests and stones and because they do not accept humiliation or capitulation.

## Speaker of PNC renews call for jihad against Jewish occupation

SPEAKER of the Palestine National Council Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Sayeh has renewed calls for jihad against the Jewish occupation of Palestine and hoped that the Arab countries neighbouring Israel would open their borders to the mujahideen.

Sayeh, in an interview with a Kuwaiti magazine added that jihad is one of the holy duties of Muslims that should never be forsaken.

### Hailed

He called for ignoring statements of US President Reagan and Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres since "we have

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our own belief, charter, doctrines, national resolutions and stable rights that we can never give up."

The US and Israel are considering to drive a wedge in the Palestinian ranks and hence declare that there is no Palestinian people and their cause should be discussed with other parties.

### Hailed

The PNC speaker called for backing the Palestinian people's uprising by all means and foil American-Israeli efforts to abort it.

The idea of the Ship of Return came to boost the uprising and

not against it, Sayeh emphasised, adding that it was executed to affirm the Palestinian deportees' right to return to their homeland.

Sayeh hailed the Islamic movement in the occupied Arab territories and hoped that differences would not persist between it and the nationalist movement because this is what the Americans and Jews wish.

The PNC speaker hailed the Palestinian people not because they are Palestinians but rather for confronting the Zionist military war machine with bare chests and stones and because they do not accept humiliation or capitulation.

## Uprising helps Islamic nations to regain their honour

PALESTINIAN "children of the stones" are out with faith and persistence throwing stones and challenging every Israeli repression. They are doing this to show the world the situation under the Israeli occupation and to emphasise that what has been taken by force must be regained by force, a local newspaper said yesterday.

The newspaper interviewed a number of Kuwait University students for their views on the popular Palestinian uprising in the occupied land.

### Liberate

The head of administrative affairs at the Kuwait Students Union, Mohammed Al Dallal, said the Palestinian uprising helped Islamic nations to regain their faith and honour. It was a lesson of jihad, persistence and sacrifice. Muslims in Palestine proved their strong faith in Islam and sought jihad and martyrdom until the occupied lands were returned.

### Reaction

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## KUWAIT ... GULF

Second attack on Arabs in Lagos

### Saudis wounded in shooting

LAGOS. March 14. (Reuters) Three Saudi citizens were shot and wounded at the weekend by an unidentified gunman in the second attack on Arabs in the Nigerian capital in two months, a senior Nigerian official said today.

The men were shot at close range by a bearded, Arab-looking man using a pistol fitted with a silencer, the official said.

**Robbery**

A doctor treating the men at a private Lagos hospital said they were in satisfactory condition and would be flown to Saudi Arabia later today.

On January 23, the Libyan Charge d'Affaires, Abubakar Kanna, was shot dead in a dan-

gerous area of Lagos during what police said was an armed robbery. No culprits have been found.

According to local newspaper reports, Kanna was returning by road from Benin, Nigeria's neighbour, where pro-Libyan Chadian rebels have offices.

#### Mistaken

The Nigerian official, who declined to be identified, said the state security service had been called to investigate the latest shooting, an indication that the authorities suspected a political motive.

He said the three men were Arabic teachers who were in a Saudi diplomatic vehicle on Saturday night. They were hit

just after midnight in the car park of their luxury hotel.

"They could have been mistaken for diplomats because they were out in a Saudi embassy car," the official said.

A security officer at the hotel said the alarm was not immediately raised because the gunman used a silencer.

A Saudi diplomatic note on the attack sent to the Nigerian External Affairs Ministry said a light-skinned man shot the trio in the early hours of Sunday, officials said.

The country's embassy in Lagos was guarded on Monday by three armed Nigerian policemen, who turned away all visitors.

### Polygamy is a problem

ISLAM allows men to have more than one wife under the specific conditions given in the Holy Quran and the sayings of the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH).

But some men have taken advantage of this to have more than one wife for no valid reason but merely an escape from family problems, a local newspaper said.

It said that the practice had become widespread to the point where marrying a second time had become something ordinary, and pointed out that this was hard on the children.

**Reasons**

The newspaper interviewed a number of men and women for their views on polygamy.

A high school student, Laila Nasser, said that polygamy was bad though common in society.

including Kuwaiti society, nowadays. She said that polygamy was allowed in Islam, but the wives should be treated equally and this was generally not done.

She said that polygamy took place for several reasons, such as ignorance of marriage responsibilities, early marriage, an escape from family problems, or merely for a change.

#### Realise

A Municipality employee, Mohammed Nazir, rejected the idea of polygamy and refused to consider it an ordinary thing to do.

He said some men liked to show off and felt proud to have more than one wife, while others just imitated their fathers or friends.

He said that high living stan-

dards might force men to take another wife even though they were satisfied with their first one, explaining that such men might be looking for a rich wife to solve their financial problems.

A science college student, Khoulou Nasser, said that men must realise that marriage was a big responsibility.

She said it could not be denied that polygamy was a problem, but there were several reasons, including the need for sexual satisfaction.

An employee of Al Sadri Hospital, Faidah Al Maqhami, said that polygamy was a social problem caused by the sudden increase in wealth.

She said she did not support polygamy except in cases when a wife was sterile or there were family disputes.

### Call for review of ban on private tuition institutes

PARENTS and students are calling for a review of the ban on tuition by private institutes, a local newspaper said yesterday.

The tutorials organised by the Kuwait Teachers Society were meant to be an alternative to the classes held by the private institutes, but students and parents interviewed by the newspaper claimed that the society's tutorials were not an acceptable alternative because the classes were large and a waste of the time of students.

One student, Abdul Latif Al Rashed, said he had been attending the private institutes. After the classes were banned, he joined those held by the Teachers Society, but found them inefficient.

He pointed out that a class at the private institutes did not exceed ten students and this ensured good interaction between teacher and students, whereas classes at the society had 35 students each.

He said he had stopped studying with the society because he realised he would not benefit and would be wasting his time.

Another student, Sulaiman Al Astal, said that fees at the private institutes were token ones and were not a burden on a family's budget.

#### Burden

He said that tutorials at the society were not at the expected level.

He said that special coaches who came to homes charged KD150 a month, and this large sum was a very heavy burden on a family's budget.

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Othman Salem said that fees at private institutes were token ones, but he was now obliged to pay KD8 for an hour's private tuition per child to enable his four children to obtain high averages at the secondary school certificate examinations so that they could get admission to the university.

"Under Othman's plan, he was paying KD150 a month for tuition for his children," he said.

Muneeb Abdullah said the cancellation of tutorials at private institutes had placed parents in a critical position, adding that most middle income parents were paying half their salary for private tuition.

He pointed out that most outstanding students had been taking tuition at private institutes.

He said the institutions only took a token fee for each subject and school spirit prevailed at the classes. On the other hand, the atmosphere during tuition at homes was different, and teachers charged KD10 per hour.

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• Kuwait's Holiday Inn will launch its fifth inter-school knockout competition on March 16 at 5 pm. The competition will run for three weeks, and six schools will participate in hilarious games with separate themes such as Prince and Princesses, Pirates and Caveman. The second match will be on March 22 and the finals on April 13. Valuable prizes will be awarded to the winners.



• Kuwait's Social Affairs and Labour Minister, Sheikh Nasser Al Ahmed (right), yesterday met the chairman of the Paris-based Arab World Institute, Paul Cartonne.

### Kuwait will attend Arab summit

KUWAIT has said it would attend a proposed Arab summit to discuss support for the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories, an official source reported yesterday.

The source said Kuwait told Arab League Secretary General Chadi Klibi of its willingness to attend the summit, proposed by Algeria, at a place or date agreed by Arab leaders.

A date and venue will be fixed if more than half the Arab League's 21 members accept. A League delegation arrived in Bahrain yesterday on the third leg of a tour to assess chances of a meeting.

Arab League sources said that Libya has officially agreed to attend an extraordinary summit.

Sources indicated that Tripoli has sent an official consent to the Arab League general secretariat.

### KD 16,000 raised for orphanage

KUWAIT'S Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs has helped raise KD 16,000 for Muslim Orphanage in Bangalore, India.

A member of the Muslim Orphanage's Advisory Council, Khawaja Abdullah Burhan, who

was recently in Kuwait, said the funds would be used to complete the orphanage building, now under construction. The new building would enable them to increase the number of children admitted to the orphanage. At present about 300 boys and girls live at the orphanage and are provided schooling and other facilities. The marriage of girls is also arranged by the orphanage.

The orphanage needs Rs. 120,000 more to complete the building. Shortage of funds has set back plans to enhance training and other facilities.

### Houti meets UK, Tunisian envoys

MINISTER OF Public Works Abdel Rahman Al Houti, yesterday received United Kingdom Ambassador to Kuwait where they discussed bilateral cooperation and means of boosting them.

He also received Tunisian Ambassador to Kuwait where they exchanged cordial talks.

He said that most outstanding students had studied at private institutes.

He pointed out that the income of most parents did not allow them to pay for private tuition at the home.

He said that most private institutes had never committed any violation and had never been warned by any official authority.

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### Iran to attend Islamic foreign ministers meeting

AMMAN, March 14, (Xinhua): Iran is to participate in the forthcoming 17th Foreign Ministerial meetings of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) scheduled to open here on March 21, sources at the Jordanian Foreign Ministry announced today.

Iran, a member of the OIC, refused to take part in the OIC summit meeting held in Kuwait last year.

On the agenda of the five-day meetings are 78 items of interest to the Islamic world, on top of which are the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, the Iraq-Iran war, the situation in Afghanistan and the Muslim fighters of the Moro National Liberation Front who are fighting for self-rule in the Philippines, according to diplomatic sources here.

**Border dispute**

The conference will also discuss the border dispute between Libya and Chad, the Israeli aggression in south Lebanon, the situation in the Horn of Africa and the deteriorating economic conditions in the African continent.

King Hussein of Jordan will address the opening session of the meetings of the foreign ministers of the Islamic states.

To facilitate media coverage of the meetings, translation of the speeches at the meetings in three languages, Arabic, English and French, will be available. News reports about the conference will be transmitted to all parts of the world through the Arab, Indian and Pacific telecommunication satellites.

**Murder attempt**

A NORTHERN Yemeni told officials at Salwa police station that an Egyptian tried to kill him, his wife and children with his car.

## Jewellery-making as a hobby

By Keith Wells

YOU often hear people complaining that there's nothing to do in Kuwait, well, this is a story about a young lady who has turned her pastime into a budding artistic career and had lots of fun in the process.

Yasmin Esa Parwaz is a secretary/translator at the Bhutanese Embassy, but she has taken up jewellery making in her spare time and, as you can see from the photographs, Yasmin has a real talent for making eye-catching pieces of jewellery.

'I've only been working with silver for about seven months,' says Yasmin, 'but I've been making costume jewellery for years, using beads and the metal from the bottom of light bulbs which is very easy to work with.'

So how did she get started as a silversmith? 'I took some night-school classes at the Kuwait Cultural Centre in Salwa, which is run by Salome Al Sabah. In three months I learnt the basic techniques, working with a blowtorch, hammering and so on. It was easy for me because of my previous experience and I had a very good teacher, Erica Leitner, an Austrian lady who left last year but will be returning to the Centre soon.'

**Lucky**

Is it an expensive hobby to have?

'Not really, you can set yourself up for about fifty dinars and I have been lucky in that lots of my friends have asked me to make things for them. Silver costs roughly 220 to 240 fils a gram and I usually charge the price of the silver plus between one and two and a half dinars per gram, depending on how difficult the workmanship is.' Yasmin held up a delicately knitted silver chain with a subtle locking device from which a pale moonstone hung. 'This type of work takes a long time,' she explained. 'Sometimes my friends give me their own designs to make up for them, or else I design something myself. I don't really want to turn it into a business, but it's nice that my hobby pays for itself.'

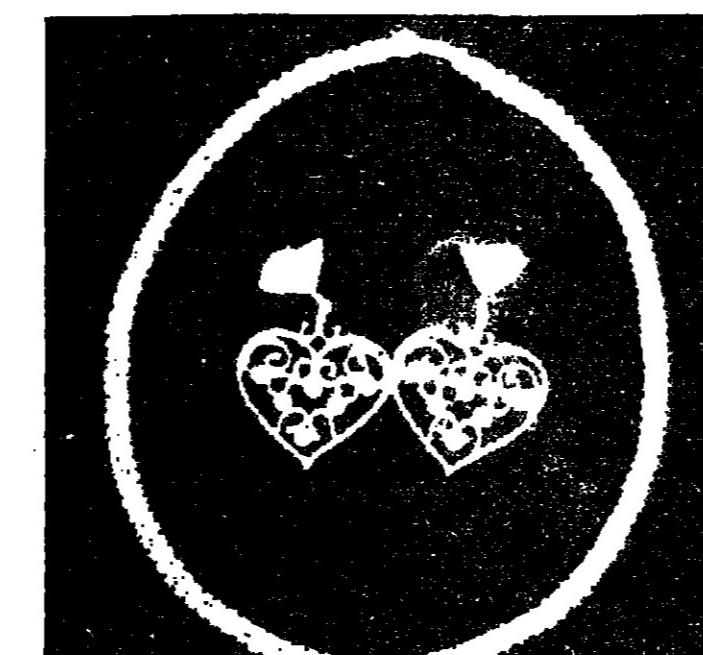


Yasmin wearing some of her own jewellery.

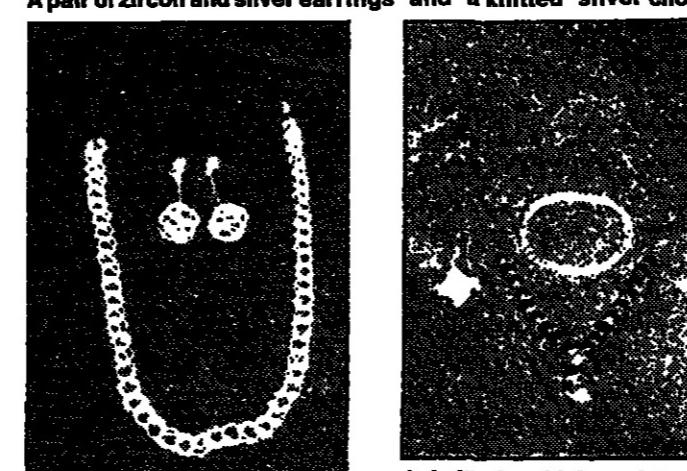
The first time I sold anything in public was at the American Women's League Bazaar in December. I was very nervous, but I managed to sell all of my costume jewellery and quite a lot of the silver too. It was great. There is going to be an Arts and Crafts Charity Bazaar at the Regency Palace Hotel on April 7 and 8 and I'm working very hard to get things ready for that. The Charity Bazaar is being organised by Sulad: Al Afraj of Al Amwaj Co., and the proceeds will be divided between the Kuwait Handicapped Society, the Palestinian Uprising Fund and the Muslims in Africa Charity.

#### Original

Yasmin's jewellery is very original in design and particularly like a pair of ball knot silver earrings which were very striking. 'I like dressmaking as well,' says Yasmin. 'What I really enjoy is designing and making my own clothes, then designing and making the



A pair of zircon and silver earrings and a knitted silver choker.



This knotted silver necklace is matched by the intricately knotted earrings.

jewellery to go with the dress. It's a lovely feeling. And as you can see for yourself, the results are lovely too.'

Yasmin uses beads and artificial stones in her designs. 'Zircons only cost about one and a half dinars and they look exactly the same as diamonds which could cost as much as a thousand dollars for the same size stone. My uncle has a small star ruby mine near Bangalore and I have some stones from there that I hope to be able to use for some of the things I shall be selling at the Charity Bazaar next month.'

Yasmin has signed up for jewellery classes at Al Muttaraf, the new handicrafts centre run by Dar Al Athar in Beit Al Badr in the National Museum. These classes will be run by professional art-jeweller Bill Bartholomew and Yasmin feels sure that she will learn a lot from him. 'I suppose you need a lot of patience,' she says, 'but it's a very satisfying hobby because you keep getting new ideas to try out.'

## Backgammon winners announced



The winners pictured after receiving the trophies and prizes. (Photo by Javed Basra)

MORE than 250 people attended the first leg of the Gulfwide Paco Rabanne Backgammon Championship 1988, held recently at the Kuwait Hilton Hotel.

Dice rolled and pawns moved at great speed as 128 participants competed for the Kuwait Champion title. The tournament was held over a

three-day period. Lutfi Georges Atallah won the Kuwait tournament. Zarif Miri Boutros was the runner-up. The winner is now eligible to take part in the Grand Finals, due to be held in Bahrain later this year.

Jean Louis Luthier of Paco Rabanne presented the trophies to winners. Atallah also received an air ticket to Bahrain, courtesy Gulf Air, to compete with the winners of Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Bahrain for the Gulf championship.

The tournament is being organised by Paco Rabanne in cooperation with Kuwait Hilton and Gulf Air.

The '88 Revue will be performed at the Gazelle Club on March 17 at 7.30 pm. It is the major family event of the year. Don't leave children at home. For reservations contact Connie — 3947693; Annette — 3903480 before

March 17 and 20.

This month's feature film for adults is entitled *The Emerald Forest*. The production by John Boorman is the mystical story of a young white boy spirited away by a tribe and then initiated into manhood and full membership. Elements of magic, fantasy, myth and anthropological fact are introduced in this story. This film will be shown at 6.30 pm on March 19 and 20.

Admission free but it is advisable to make reservations. Tel: 2515512.

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NOTHING is more unjust or capricious than public opinion — William Hazlitt, English essayist (1778-1830).

**Discord as Suharto starts new term**

By Kenneth L. Whiting

JAKARTA, Indonesia, (AP): Indonesia's People's Consultative Assembly has closed shop for another five years after an 11-day session marked by unprecedented discord.

A public outburst by an Army general, a dispute over the vice-presidency and previously unheard-of votes on policy matters upset the script at what is usually a pre-arranged ceremonial occasion.

The assembly, or MPR from its Indonesian acronym, is supposed to "elect" the president and vice-president and approve state policy guidelines. It consists of the 500 members of parliament chosen through a general election last April and another 500 people appointed by President Suharto.

The constitution describes the MPR as the nation's supreme lawmaking body. In fact, Suharto rules the world's fifth most populous country with the support of the armed forces and participatory democracy is limited.

Five groups in the assembly, known as factions, acclaimed Suharto as president for a fifth five-year term. The factions include three political parties, the military and appointees from different regions.

**Unopposed**

State Secretary Sudharmono was sworn in unopposed as vice-president Friday after Jaihali Naro of the Muslim-based United Development Party was pulled out of the race at the last minute.

Naro told a news conference: "I didn't withdraw. I was pulled out by my party."

Earlier in the week, Naro's party caused the MPR to depart from tradition by voting for the first time ever to break a deadlock.

Political custom calls for "musyawarah," or negotiating for as long as it takes to reach consensus. Some authorities dislike voting as a practice they associate with Western-style democracy.

The Muslim faction was outvoted 280-28 in committee on its request to add a clause to election rules stating that "general elections should be held in a fair and honest manner." Opponents said this was already

embodied in the regulations.

It lost by equally lopsided margins on proposals to reject Javanese mysticism as part of religion and subsidised Islamic boarding schools.

The vice-presidency is largely ceremonial position. But with Suharto, 66, starting what is assumed will be his last term, his running mate would be well placed to stake a claim as heir to the presidency.

Stepping out as vice-president is Umar Wirahadikusumah, 64, a retired general and Suharto's former comrade-in-arms. Umar kept a low profile during his one term and never was regarded as having presidential ambitions.

Constitutional procedures for succession exist, but do not take into account the widespread mystical belief that the national leader must be blessed with a divine "mandate" before one has a right to rule.

About 90 per cent of the 170 million people are considered at least nominally Muslim. But "dikums," or soothsayers, have a wide following and Suharto rules with the help of Javanese spiritual advisers, informed sources say.

Suharto and the late President Sukarno are the only presidents Indonesia has had since wresting independence from the Dutch after World War II. Economic chaos, an attempted coup and bloodshed in the last months of Sukarno's rule were supposed to be signs that he had lost the divine mandate.

**Boss**

Sudharmono, who turned 61 Saturday, is leader of the government political party, Golkar. As minister in charge of the state secretariat since 1966, he has been boss of the country's 2.6 million civil servants.

Once known as "Suharto's dogman," because he wielded power for years by controlling access to the president, Sudharmono is a retired Army general. His background is in military law not field command, however, and not all in the officer corps welcomed his nomination by a tiny margin.

Military sources, who insisted on anonymity, said some generals instead supported the newly appointed armed forces commander, Gen. Try Sutrisno, 52, a popular figure and a former Suharto aide.

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**Turkish left seeks new leader**

By John Owen-Davies

ANKARA, (Reuters): Torn by dissent and facing a forceful political right, Turkey's once strong left wing is seeking a dynamic leader to take it out of the political wilderness.

A crisis in the main opposition Social Democrat Populist Party (SHP) and the resignation of former Premier Bulent Ecevit as head of the Democratic Left Party (DLP) have added to the left wing's woes.

But political sources believe the turmoil could lead to a regrouping of democratic leftists into a single cohesive force.

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But signs are emerging that it could be a viable alternative to conservative Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's Motherland Party.

Ozal's party is also suffering internal strain, with strongly pro-Islamic and nationalist groups trying to weaken the positions of more liberal colleagues in the government.

**Popularity**

An opinion poll in the liberal daily *Gunes* showed that the SHP, despite its leadership crisis, now has a popularity rating of 37.9 per cent, compared with 35 per cent for the Motherland Party.

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**Jackson's bid for the White House**

By Mike Fensilber

WASHINGTON, (AP): Jesse Jackson has charisma. He has strong opinions about the big issues. And, in the aftermath of Super Tuesday, he has plenty of delegates to support his presidential ambition.

Jackson, a black American, underlined his political strength with a strong showing in the state presidential primaries on Tuesday. But analysts are still at odds over what effect, if any, his race may have on the campaign.

"If he were white, he wouldn't be in the race," says Ben J. Wattenberg, a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and co-editor of *Public Opinion* magazine.

Wattenberg argues that a black could be elected president in contemporary America, but not someone with Jackson's lack of office-holding experience nor a "blame-America-first business-bashing radical" like Jackson.

**Charisma**

But Ronald Walters, a political science professor at predominantly black Howard University, says, "if Jackson were white, I think he'd be president." Walters, who was Jackson's deputy campaign manager in 1984, believes Jackson's experience in the civil rights movement is more than the equivalent to service in a legislature.

And he has a not-to-be-discounted electrifying quality. "Charisma — what you will, it still counts in politics," says Robert Smith, professor of Afro-American politics at Howard University, who nonetheless believes the positions Jackson takes are a handicap as substantial as that of race.

**Ideology**

"I would say he would not be nominated or elected if he were white," Smith says. "A substantial number of white persons who object to Jackson do so more because of his ideology than race.

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# Oscar fever in tinsel town

Hollywood is gearing up for the biggest event of the year... the Oscar awards. And this time round, the field is wide open. Will Michael Douglas and Cher be crowned King and Queen of tinsel town? Or are there some surprises in store?

By Alan Graham

THE massive hype is well under way as Hollywood gears up for its annual back-slapping junket — the Oscar ceremony.

Studios have spent millions boosting their candidates. The trade press carry pictures of the hopefuls and every tinsel town star with a film on release is available for an interview or chat show spot.

It's all in the hope of swaying the decision of the 4000 members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences whose secret votes will determine who gets the coveted 13/2 inch high statuettes.

The glittering ceremony will be watched on television by an estimated billion people in more than 40 countries. For Hollywood, it is the most important screening of the year.

But this year's Oscar race is one of the most open of recent times. And some nominees have found themselves in the situation of competing against themselves.... where one of their roles has been cancelled out another.

Heart-throb Michael Douglas, has found himself in just that predicament with his performance as the philandering husband in "Fatal Attraction". That role has now been ignored by the Academy in favour of a nomination for Best Actor for his portrayal of a wheeler-dealer in "Wall Street".

Among the women Cher has been nominated as Best Actress for her role as the would-be bride in "Moonstruck". Yet she was also said to be in the running for the movie's Suspect, too. Now the front runners have

finally sorted themselves out... but there have been a few surprises. Jack Nicholson has been nominated for "Ironweed" and William Hurt for Broadcast News, just as people expected. But Hollywood pundits were also predicting nominations for Nick Nolte, Mickey Rourke and Albert Finney, who have all been passed over.

Even Stephen Spielberg has been shunned for his directing of the 13 million dollar epic "Empire of the Sun".

But by far the biggest controversy this year is that outspoken Barbra Streisand has not been nominated at all for her non-singing role as a hooker in "Nuts", despite being strongly tipped.

Hollywood insiders are now sure it is because Barbra has many enemies in tinsel town and would have been "nuts" enough to have a go at them from the platform...

But then controversy is also a way of guaranteeing audience... something the Oscars are sure of.

Glenda Jackson once said of the Oscars ballyhoo: "It's like Hollywood itself. All glass on the outside, but cheap and dary underneath." It wasn't sour grapes, either, because she said it after winning an Oscar.

In 1972, Marlon Brando used the Oscar ceremony to express his annoyance at the treatment of the Indian population by the US Government.

When his name was announced as the winner of the Best actor award for "The Godfather", a beautiful Red Indian lady called Charlene Little Feather wiggled up to collect it.

George C. Scott announced that he didn't want to be nominated for an Oscar because he

didn't approve of the awards. And when he won one for "Patton" in 1970, he didn't bother to turn up.

Gregory Peck, one of the Academy officials, said: "We'll just have to stick it in a filing cabinet until George calls for it."

Presumably, it is still there.

## Unpopular

One of the ceremony's unpopular recipients was Vanessa Redgrave in 1978. When she was given her Oscar for best supporting actress in "Julia", she launched into a political speech attacking Israel and was loudly boozed.

Meanwhile Bette Davis and Joan Crawford almost came to blows on stage. "Please do not refer to me as a broad," Crawford roared at Davis.

Then there were the Oscar-winning sisters Olivia de Havilland and Joan Fontaine who refused to shake hands after Olivia had just received her award. The backstage rivalry, which had only been hinted at, was suddenly very much in the open.

In 1966, all the talk was of Kim Novak and husband Richard Johnson who swept onstage smiling and waving, to the tune of "Love Walked In". Kim had filed for a divorce that morning.

But there have been plenty of laughs, too.

In 1973, David Niven was at the microphone when a male streaker suddenly appeared from the wings and ran across the stage.

Quick as a flash, Niven quipped: "Isn't it fascinating that the only laughs that man will ever get in his life is by stripping off his clothes and showing his

shortcomings."

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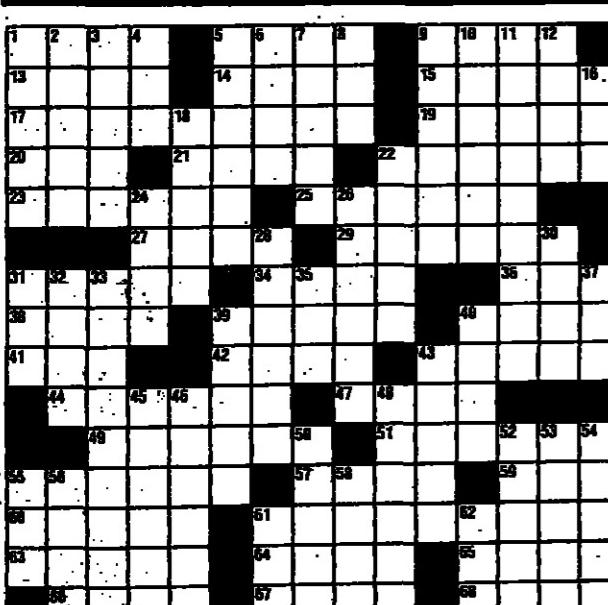
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## Dear Junior Readers,

Learning is part of living. We learn throughout our lives and sometimes the most important things we learn are not taught in the classroom.

Your parents and teachers plan many activities for you that help you to learn more than just the basic academic subjects.

Today's feature article tells about some exciting things that children are learning outside their classrooms.

If you have things to share about learning that takes place in your home or school, please let me know about them.

Aunt Barbara

## Happy birthday

Derryl Castelino celebrates his 2nd birthday tomorrow, March 16. Best wishes, Derryl, from your family and friends.



"You're getting pretty big yourself!"

## Reading, writing, arithmetic and more

KUWAIT'S foreign schools do so much more than just provide the basic reading, writing and arithmetic instruction. And, they are doing it in such a way that children make the exciting discovery that learning is fun.

With the lovely spring weather many schools have had or are planning Sports Day activities. The

Gulf English School Infant I students held their Sports Day last week with 150 children participating in races and games specially chosen to demonstrate a number of important movement skills. The skills had been taught during the regular PE lessons at school, but the lessons were taken beyond the classroom to the sports field where running, jumping, throwing and catching

skills were displayed in a fun spirit of competition and cooperation—important concepts encouraged in sports. The Senior School students held their Sports Day yesterday.

Sports activities are an integral part of foreign school curricula and interscholastic games are played throughout the year. In a recent soccer tournament held between

12-year-old boys from Ecole Francaise and Kuwait English School, Ecole Francaise won 3-1. Win or lose, these events enhance a child's educational experience and broaden his/her learning environment.

Universal American School went beyond the basics in a couple of special activities recently. Eiji Ohashi, a master kite-

maker from Japan taught kite-making to grades 4, 5 and 6 with the help of several representatives of the Japanese Embassy. Children not only learned how to make a kite, but learned more about the culture of Japan as well.

Also at UAS, Dr Gopalakrishnan, a scientist from Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research and his wife, a research chemist, were

assisted by their children Shuba and Shankar and two friends Aanand Vasudevan and Shyam Venkateswaran in presenting a programme on the rich culture of India. Songs, dances, poetry and slides were used as teaching aids in this fascinating cultural programme that proved again that schools are teaching a lot more than reading, writing and arithmetic.



Gulf English School senior students compete in Sports Day activities at Yarmouk Stadium.



Infant I students await their turn at the GES Sports Day.

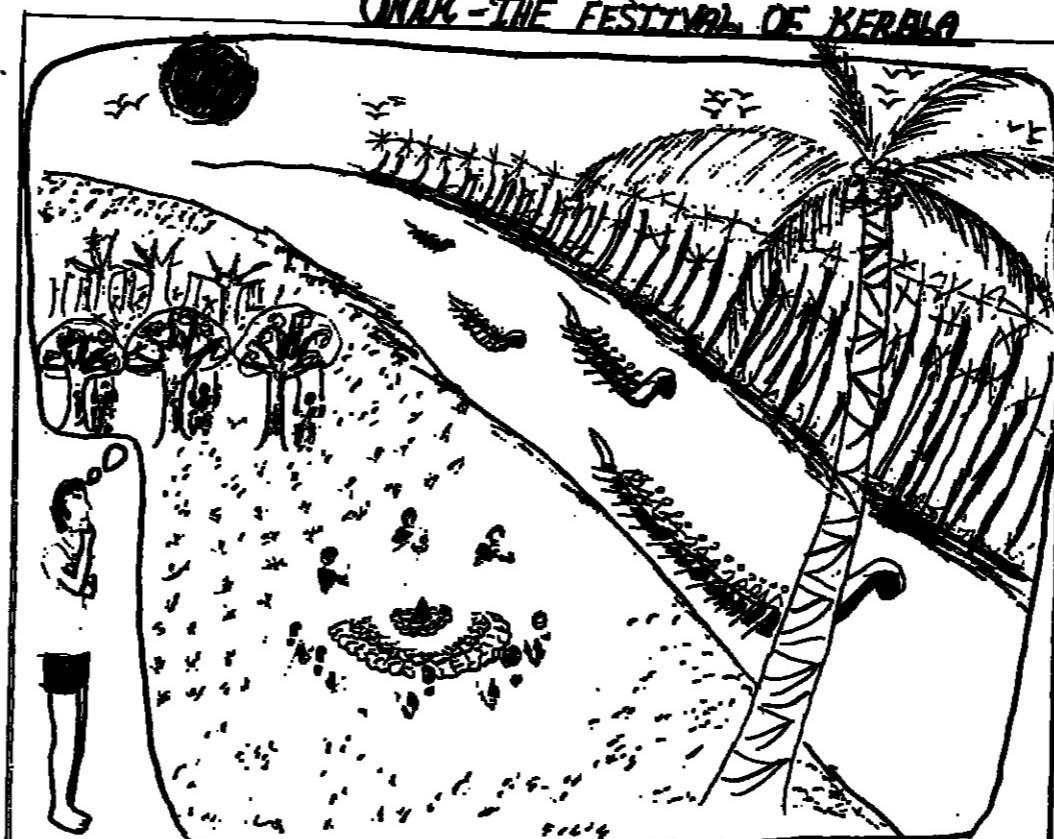


Kite-making at UAS with Eiji Ohashi (inset).

## Art exhibit



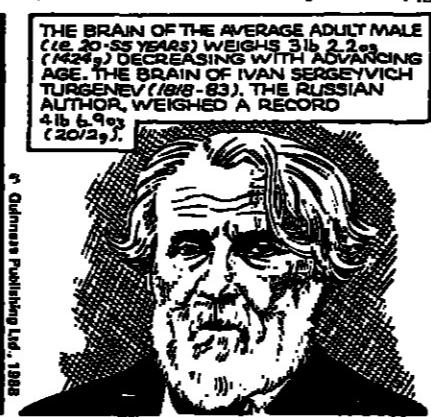
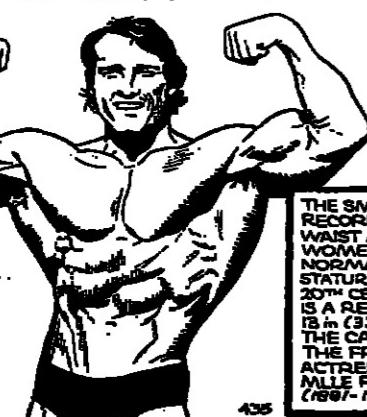
By Saba Parveen, 11 years, Indian School.



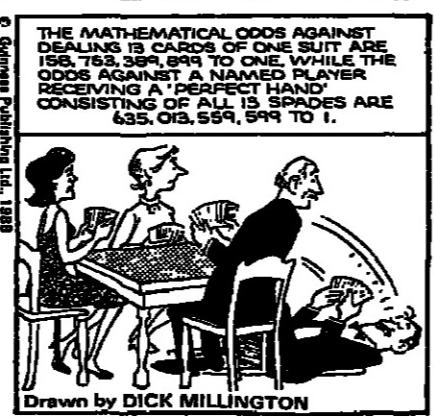
By Praveen Anto, 11 years, Indian School, Mangalore.

## Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

AMONG MUSCULAR MEN OF NORMAL HEIGHT, SHOULDERED CHEST MEASUREMENTS ABOVE 50 INCHES (127 CM) ARE EXTREMELY RARE. ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER (4'11", 185 CM) IS THE FORMER MR. UNIVERSE, HAD A CHEST MEASUREMENT OF 51" (129 CM) AT HIS BEST BODYWEIGHT OF 235lb (107 kg).



THE BRAIN OF THE AVERAGE ADULT MALE IS 1,360 gm. AS A CHILD, IT IS 450 gm. IN AN ADVANCING AGE, THE BRAIN OF IVAN SERGEYEVICH TUBOLIN (1887-1953), A RUSSIAN AUTHOR, WEIGHED A RECORD 4 lb 6.9 oz (2,029 g).



THE CARD GAME BRIDGE, A NOW-OBSOLETE RUSSIAN WORD, WHICH MEANS [INCLUDE DECLARATION] IS BELIEVED TO BE OF LEVANTINE ORIGIN AND POSSIBLY DERIVED FROM INDIA. THE CONTRACT PRINCIPLE WAS INTRODUCED BY HAROLD STIRLING VANDERBILT (1884-1962) DURING A CROSS-OCEAN VOYAGE ABOARD THE SS FINLAND. IT WENT ON TO BECOME A WORLD-WIDE CRAZE.



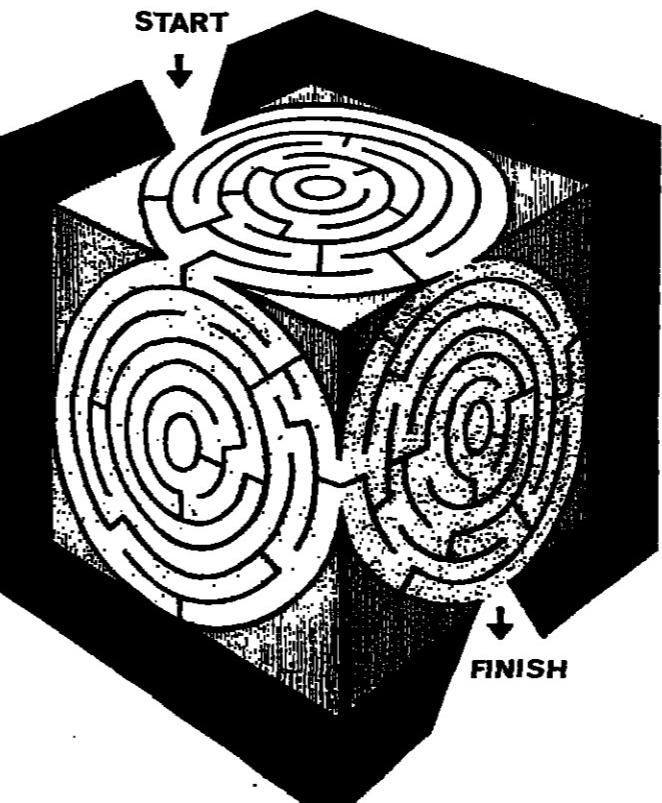
IN THE LATEST RANKING LIST BASED ON POINTS AWARDED BY THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION, THE LEADING WOMAN PLAYER IS JACQUELINE MITCHELL (USA) WITH 247 POINTS.



Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON

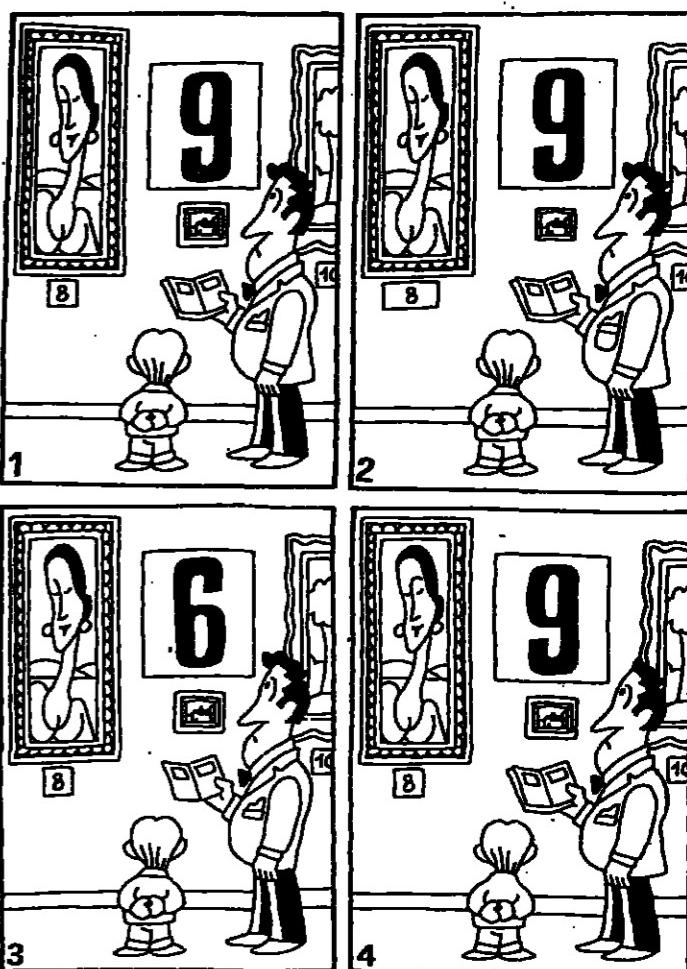
## Cube maze

Can you work your way through this maze?



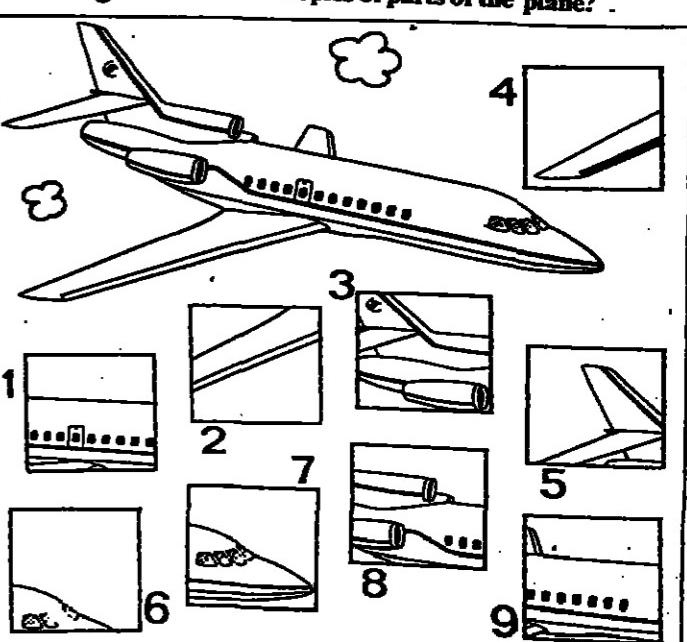
## Ninth wonder

The art master has asked his three students to make a copy of his picture, No. 1. Each student then made three mistakes in their copies. Can you spot them?



## The jet set

Which of the small pictures are exact copies of parts of the plane?



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Taiwan to buy more US oil to cut trade surplus

TAIPEI, March 14. (Reuters): Taiwan, which started importing US oil last year, is bidding this year to help cut its trade surplus with the United States, the state-run Chinese Petroleum Corporation said today.

Chinese Petroleum has since last October taken two deliveries totalling more than 560,000 barrels of the US oil.

The rest of the contracted crude will be delivered in two shipments to Taiwan between April and July, 1988, Chinese Petroleum president Kuan Yung-Shih said in an interview.

He said the company had sent a bid to the United States to compete with other oil importers, including Japan and South Korea, for the purchase of the US crude this year.

**Hope**

"We hope to win the bidding this year, like we did last year, so that we could help the government reduce our trade surplus with the US," he said.

Taiwan's trade surplus with the United States fell over 40 per cent to \$1.67 billion in the first two months of 1988 from 2.35 billion a year ago, official figures show.

Trade officials said the surplus would substantially drop to about \$10 billion this year from a record high of more than 16 billion last year.

Taiwan produces only less than one per cent of its oil needs.

## Malta resumes search for offshore oil

VALLETTA, March 14. (Reuters): Malta said on Friday it was resuming its search for offshore oil after a lapse of several years.

The government listed eight parcels of seabed in an area stretching from the Malta-Sicily channel to the immediate south of Malta.

Part of the area is near the Vega field south of Sicily, said to be the largest producer in the Mediterranean so far. It is estimated to hold 1.2 billion barrels of oil, of which between 30 and 50 per cent may be recoverable.

The nearby area within Maltese waters has not been explored.

Prime Minister Eddie Fenech Adami said earlier this week that 16 companies were interested in drilling off the island.

## Soviet co-ops will employ workers laid off by reforms

MOSCOW, March 14. (Reuters): New Soviet cooperative ventures will provide jobs for millions of workers laid off by Kremlin economic reforms, a Moscow academic was quoted as saying today.

Vladimir Tikhonov of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences told Tass news agency there were 14,000 cooperatives in the Soviet Union — indicating that some 5,000 had been created in the past three months. He forecast there would be even more.

"After the adoption of the law on cooperatives their number indisputably will grow considerably," Tass quoted Tikhonov as saying.

Cooperatives ranging from cafes and restaurants to beauty salons and craft workshops appeared throughout the Soviet Union last year after a new law on enterprises was introduced.

## Government auctions Alaska coast waters for oil drilling

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, March 14. (UPI): In the first federal offshore oil lease sales in Alaska in four years, the government plans to auction oil drilling rights over a vast Arctic Ocean stretch where Eskimos fear drilling might interfere with whale hunts.

Wednesday's federal oil lease sale — the first of two aimed at bringing oil companies into Arctic waters — puts 18 million acres of the Beaufort Sea on the auction block. Then, in May, 29 million acres of the Chukchi Sea will be up for grabs.

Together, these lease sales put virtually the entire Arctic Ocean off Alaska up for sale, complained Tom Lohman, a lawyer for the North Slope Borough, a Minnesota-sized county with about 5,400 people in eight Eskimo towns.

In fact, these two sales stretch from the US-Soviet border in the west all the way to the US-Can-

## Ramadan calls for renewed efforts to stabilise world oil market

# Nazer opposes Opec output cut

BAGHDAD, March 14. (Reuters): Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer said today his country opposed oil production cuts by Opec to halt a recent slide in world prices.

Arab oil experts and officials from 18 countries opened an energy meeting in Baghdad as Iran slammed two missiles into the Iraqi capital in a resumption of the deadly war of the cities between the two Gulf war belligerents.

Nazer, the only oil minister to attend the conference after the ministers from Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait and the UAE cancelled at the last minute, told reporters:

"No, I don't think there ought to be an output cut by Opec."

His remark immediately hit the price in Europe of North Sea Brent, the mostly widely traded

crude on world spot markets.

Brent for delivery in April had fallen nearly 50 cents a barrel to \$14.55 by 1300 GMT from its European close on Friday of around \$15. Brent closed in New York on Friday around \$14.90.

Nazer said consultations were

under way within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) to find ways to restore its grip on world oil prices, undermined since January by oversupply.

**Participants**

But he appeared to oppose a call by some Opec members for an emergency meeting of the group's price committee, to which Saudi Arabia belongs.

Minutes after the opening ceremony ended, participants heard a distant thud just before noon — about the time Iran said

it had fired missiles at Baghdad.

Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan presided over the opening, calling for renewed efforts by producing countries to stabilise the world oil market.

Oil prices have sunk as much as \$4 below Opec's fixed reference price of \$18 a barrel in recent weeks because of excess supply.

Algeria last week said Opec needed to make fresh output cuts to keep prices from falling further, but Nazer disagreed.

Rumours of an impending Opec output cut, denied by the group's Vienna headquarters, helped boost prices on the free or spot oil market last week by about one dollar, which Nazer called a very good sign.

But he appeared to reject any

moves that would cut Opec's share of world oil production to the possible benefit of non-Opec producers.

Saudi Arabia has led a group of Opec states more concerned with maintaining given output levels than raising prices. Other Opec states, led by Iran, favour output cuts and higher prices.

Opec states pumped around 15.3 million barrels per day (bpd) last month, up from January's 15.9 million bpd. No member appears to be violating the quota set for it by last December's Opec meeting, although Iraq is producing at will, having rejected a quota less than that of Iran.

**Exporter**

Nazer declined to say what Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, might do if prices continued to decline and it was

unable to sell at the official Opec price.

Oil traders have speculated the kingdom may grant discounts to its Japanese term contract buyers in addition to those already available to four US multinationals.

### Proposal

"We are not talking about market share. We're not talking about prices. We'll just wait and see," Nazer said. Opec's course of action in the coming months would depend on informal consultations now underway.

Nazer was cool to a Venezuelan proposal to convene an urgent meeting of Opec's price committee. "I don't think we should emphasise a meeting (of the committee) as the only solution," he said.

## World Business Summary

### Kaufman sees greater Fed role in evolving markets

NEW YORK, March 14. (Reuters): The Federal Reserve, the US Central Bank, will be called on to take a greater role in governing financial markets in the transition to a new financial world, economist Henry Kaufman said. "In the new financial world, the fundamental issue is what mechanism to put in place to govern it effectively," Kaufman said in remarks prepared for delivery on Saturday to the New York University Graduate School of Business Administration. "For the Federal Reserve, our new financial world will mean that its function as lender of last resort will expand, unless we accept the discipline of the market place, which is highly unlikely," said Kaufman, managing director of the Salomon Brothers investment house. Big financial institutions, with numerous international and domestic relationships, are not allowed to fail because the risk to society is deemed too high, he said. "The current arrangement ... encourages excessive risk-taking because market discipline is not allowed to work," he said. "And no other governing approach, through new forms of regulation, is being implemented quickly enough." The problem is complicated by the divisions between US regulatory bodies and by differences among countries in terms of trading practices, accounting, and reporting standards, he said. The Fed's role will expand as distinctions among financial institutions blur and the volume of market transactions rises.

### India to seek Japanese investment

NEW DELHI, March 14. (Xinhua): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi is scheduled to visit Japan from April 20. The visit is reportedly aiming at boosting Japanese investment in this country.

This will be Gandhi's second trip to Japan since he came to power in October 1984 and the third visit by an Indian Prime Minister to that country since 1982. Besides inaugurating a month-long festival of India in Tokyo to reciprocate a Japanese festival held here last year, the Indian Prime Minister, to be accompanied by Finance Minister N.D. Tiwari, is expected to seek large-scale Japanese investment in India.

Local press today quoted official sources as saying that India will offer Japan a package deal which is believed to have been prepared in consultation with a 30-member Japanese trade and investment delegation who visited India last month.

## Investors see oil potential in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, March 14. (UPI): Private investors are closely watching a shake-up in the top ranks of Argentina's petroleum monopoly for clues that could set off an oil rush.

"Oilmen have a herd instinct," says Luis M. Rey, President of Pluspetrol, a private Argentine oil production and exploration company.

"When one or two move in, the others fall in behind."

The state oil monopoly, YPF, technically controls all of Argentina's energy resources, but traditionally it has been inefficient and poorly managed.

A succession of Argentine presidents — Juan Peron, Arturo Frondizi, Juan Carlos Onganía and, most recently, President Raúl Alfonsín — have forced to abandon nationalistic policies and ask foreign and private investors for help in production and exploration.

**Contracts**

The private sector, working on contracts with YPF, now accounts for about 30 per cent of Argentina's petroleum production, and about half that money is foreign.

It is not enough. Last year Argentina, which has the potential of becoming a net petroleum exporter, lost an estimated \$200 million in foreign exchange because of oil imports.

Rey and other private oilmen, both foreign and domestic, say that much greater amounts of money will flow into production and exploration when the government

draws up areas for bids.

Rey says another Alfonsín plan, for long-term exploration, has already attracted investment from most of the world's major oil companies, but he says the President won't see the benefits during his term, which expires in 1989.

### Exploration

"Exploration takes time," he says. "It will take six or seven years before the benefits of these

contracts will be felt."

Where private money is needed for a quick fix, he says, is in existing oil fields where YPF lacks the money and expertise to recover petroleum that is difficult to extract.

Once they have a chance to bid for secondary production contracts, private and foreign investors probably will move faster into all sectors of the Argentine industry, he says.

## Bonn minister to visit Syria

DAMASCUS, March 14. (Reuters): The West German Economic Cooperation Minister Hans Klein will visit Syria on March 24 for talks to promote economic and commercial cooperation, embassy officials said today.

They said Klein would meet President Hafez Al Assad, Vice-President Abdal-Halim Khaddam and Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara.

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drilling during spring and fall bowhead whale migrations — which Hodel refused to do.

Copwer also asked Hodel for further studies of whale feeding areas in the eastern Beaufort near the village of Kaktovik, but Hodel declined. Eskimos wanted this area removed from the sale, but the state did not back this and so it was never considered.

"We're not happy that there's no seasonal drilling restriction, and we're not happy that an area of whale feeding activity is not deferred," Lohman said of the Beaufort sale. "It's not a good thing."

Eskimos are worried about spills, but Lohman said their immediate migration and swim farther out — away from the noise and out of reach of hunters.

"Hunters simply cannot get out far in their small skin or aluminum boats," Lohman said.

**LONDON**  
[Alpha Stocks]

INCHCAPE	715/0
JAGUAR	320/0
LADBROKE	390.0
LAND SEC'S	510/0

**LONDON**  
Beta Stocks

NAME	LAST	LAPORTE	378.0	NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
ABBEY LFE	257.0	LASMO	327.0	A.B.ELECT	372.0	373.0
ADT LTD	109.0	LEGAL+GEN	270.0	APV PLC	130.0	130/0
ALD LYONS	368.0	LONRHO	248.0	AMI NEW	258.0	259/0
ANSTRAD	174.0	LUCAS IND.	627.0	AARONSON	123.0	124/0
ARGYLL GP	208.0	MAGNET	237.0	AAH HLD	256.0	256/0
ASDA GP	176.0	MARKS+SP	180.0	ADDISON	99.0	99/0
BAA PP	111.0	MAXWELL C	258.0	ADWEST	318.0	318/0
BTR	263.0	METAL BOX	194.0	ALEX WRK	181.0	180/0
BAT INDS	45.00	MEPC	492.0	ALLD IR B	214.0	215/0
BARCLAYS	485.0	MIDLAND BK	385.0	ALLIANCE	808.0	808/0
BASS	830.0	NEXT	287.0	ALLD COLL	137.0	137/0
BEAZER	188.0	NTH FOODS	271.0	ALLD PLNT	54.0	54/0
BEECHAMS	478.0	P & O DFD	583.0	AMARI	169.0	169/0
BET ORD	248.0	PEARL	430.0	AMEC	365.0	366/0
BICC PLC	343.0	PEARSON	665.0	AMER TRST	117.0	118/0
BLUE ARRW	118.0	PILKINGTON	220.0	AMERSHAM	489.0	490/0
BLUE CIRC	57.54	PLESSEY	162.0	ANGLIA TV	413.0	411/0
BOC GP	388.0	PRUDENTIAL	820.0	ANSBACHER	67.0	68/0
BOOTS CO	232.0	RACAL	228.0	U-APP HOL	308.0	305/0
BPB INDS	292.0	RANK HVIS	322.0	APPLEYARD	391.0	405/0
BR COMM	295.0	RANK ORG	683.0	APRICOT	110.0	111/0
BR AIRWAY	169.0	RCKITTY+CO	818.0	ARAN ENER	70.0	70/0
BR AEROESP	376.0	REDLAND	420.0	ARLINGTON	200.0	200/0
BR GAS PP	143.0	REED	408.0	ARMSTRONG	151.0	151/0
B.P.	268.0	RYL BK SC	364.0	ANGLO Q'S	207.0	206/4
B.P. NEW	75.5	RMC GRP	449.0	AQUAS.A.	75.0	76/0
BR TELCOM	255.0	REUTERS	526.0	ASHLEY LA	118.0	118/0
BRITOIL	512.0	RTZ CORP.	360.0	ATTWOODS	296.0	296/0
BUNZL	171.0	ROLLS ROY	127.0	AUTO SEC	250.0	251/0
BURMAH OL	510.0	ROTHMAN B	425.0	AVIS EUR	337.0	338/0
BURTON	53.25	ROWNTREE	465.0	AVON RUBB	633.0	633/0
CABLE+WIR	344.0	ROYAL INS	400.0	BSG INTL	63.0	63/0
CADBURYS	259.0	SAATCHI	425.0	BAILL JAP	487.0	486/0
COATS VIY	241.0	SAINSBURY	262.0	BANKER IT	68.0	68/0
COMM UNI	323.0	SCOT+NEW	276.0	BK OF SCO	563.0	562/0
CONS GOLD	835.0	SEARS	131.0	BARKER DO	143.0	143/0
COOKSONS	576.0	SEDGEWICK	208.0	BARRT DEV	201.0	201/0
COURTAULD	323.0	SHELL	045.0	B.WENHILL	167.0	168/0
DALGETY	290.0	SMITH+NEPH	140.0	BEJAM GP	175.0	175/0
DEE CP	182.0	SMITHS A	291.0	BELHAVEN	43.0	43/0
DIXONS	186.0	STC	251.0	BELLWAY	222.0	223/0
ENG CHINA	396.0	STORENSE	235.0	BENROSE	212.0	211/0
ENTER OIL	356.0	SUN ALLIA	935.0	BENLOX HD	54.0	55/0
FERRANTI	86.00	TARMAC	240.0	BENNETT +F	37.0	37/0
FISONS	271.0	TATE&LYLE	841.4	BENTALLS	191.0	191/0
GEN ACCID	900.0	TESCO	161.0	BERISFORD	307.0	302/0
GEN ELEC	156.0	THORN EMI	603.0	BERKELEY	313.0	313/0
GLAXO	073.0	TRAF HSE	322.0	BRKLY HAY	24.4	24/4
GRANADA	329.0	TSB	108.0	BLCK LE 2	20.0	20/0
GLOBE	139.0	T + N	188.0	BOASE MAS	286.0	286/0
GRAND MET	491.0	TRUSTHSE	233.0	BODDINGTN	144.0	143/0
GUS A	115.0	ULTRAMAR	253.6	BOOKER	392.0	390/0
GUARD RYL	938.0	UNILEVER	490.0	BORTHWICK	47.0	47/0
GIN	334.0	UNIGATE	273.0	BOWATER	387.0	387/0
GUINNESS	308.0	UTD BISC	261.0	BOUTHORPE	183.0	182/0
HAMMERSN A	543.0	UTD WNSPR	440.0	BRAMMER	228.0	228/0
HANSON	136.5	WELLCOME	470.0	BRENT CHE	139.0	139/0
HWKER SID	490.0	WHTBRO IN	302.0	BRENT WKR	349.0	351/0
HILLSDOWN	292.0	WILLIAMS	295.0	BRIDON	148.0	148/0
ICI	040.0	WILLIS FB	209.0	BRITANNIC	008.0	010/0
IMI	204.0	WINPEY GE	257.4	BR ASSETS	64.0	65/0
		WOOLWORTH	285.0			

## **World Indices**

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1460.0	1449.9	1472.3	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	0	1038.0	1038.0	957.6
FT ALL SHR	0	930.11	940.18	870.22
FT GOV SEC	0	90.47	90.53	88.49
FT GOLD MN	0	248.6	249.7	302.1
FT MINES F	0	449.39	455.08	450.65
FT OIL	0	1830.2	1826.9	1663.6
FT WLD DLR	0	126.53	127.26	115.04
FT WLD STG	0	101.81	102.12	90.79
FT WLD LOC	0	112.01	112.57	99.08

# Landon Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS STEADY NEAR HIGHS IN QUIET AFTERNOON

LONDON, MARCH 14, REUTER - SHARE PRICES WERE STEADY WITH THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX REMAINING WITHIN A TIGHT TRADING RANGE NEAR ITS HIGH IN QUIET AFTERNOON BUSINESS, DEALERS SAID.

A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO GLAXO'S RISE IN HALF-YEAR PRE-TAX PROFIT TO 397 MLN STG FROM 376 MLN BOOSTED THE SHARES 29P TO 1,084 AFTER A HIGH OF 1,092. FISONS ROSE 6P TO 272 IN SYMPATHY.

DEALERS SAID GLAXO'S RESULTS CAME IN AT THE TOP END OF EXPECTATIONS AND HELPED DRAW IN BUYERS ACROSS THE MARKET. THE FTSE 100 STARTED TO CLIMB FROM A DULL SHOWING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE GLAXO FIGURES WERE RELEASED. BY 1539 GMT, THE FTSE WAS UP 7.7 TO 1,819.3 AFTER THE HIGH OF 1,819.7 AT 1307 GMT.

DEALERS ATTRIBUTED TODAY'S LIGHT VOLUME TO INVESTOR BOOK SQUARING AHEAD OF TOMORROW'S U.K. BUDGET STATEMENT. BUT FEW OBSERVERS ARE FORECASTING GREAT MARKET UPHEAVALS AFTER TOMORROW'S BUDGET STATEMENT. "MOST PEOPLE RECKON THEY KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE BUDGET," ONE DEALER SAID.

RECENT COMMENTS FROM PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER APPEAR TO HAVE PUT TO REST PROSPECTS OF A NEAR TERM FALL IN INTEREST RATES, ALTHOUGH MOST IN THE MARKET ARE EXPECTING A BOOST TO BRITISH SPENDING FROM ANTICIPATED INCOME TAX CUTS, DEALERS SAID. BUT IN THE BACKGROUND THERE ARE FEARS THAT A FRESH SURGE IN STERLING AFTER THE BUDGET COULD HURT BRITISH EXPORTERS.

**London Gold**

LONDON, MARCH 14, REUTER - GOLD CLOSED UNCHANGED AT LAST FRIDAY'S LEVELS OF 441.25/441.75 DLRs AN OUNCE, SLIGHTLY DOWN FROM THE AFTERNOON FIX OF 442.25 DLRs.

IN VERY QUIET TRADING TRADING MANAGED TO HOLD THE 440 DLR LEVEL TODAY, DEALERS NOTED. THE MAIN FEATURE OF THE MARKET WAS A LACK OF SELLERS WHICH TENDED TO UNDERPIN PRICES AS THERE WAS STEADY FUNDAMENTAL DEMAND, THEY ADDED.

## **London Money Market**

LONDON, MARCH 14, REUTER - THE MONEY MARKET WAS IN A BULLISH MOOD AHEAD OF TOMORROW'S U.K. BUDGET AND INTERBANK RATES ENDED AS MUCH AS 3/16 POINT LOWER ON SPECULATION THAT INTEREST RATES WILL BE CUT SOON TO TAKE THE HEAT OFF STERLING, DEALERS SAID. UNTIL THE POUND'S RISE THROUGH THREE MARKS LAST MONDAY, WORRIES ABOUT INFLATIONARY PRESSURES HAD LED MOST ANALYSTS TO FORECAST A RISE IN RATES IN THE MEDIUM TERM.

COMMENTS BY PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER LAST WEEK, ENDING OUT AN IMMEDIATE EXIT, SEEMED TO CLOSE THE DEBATE. DEALERS

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES				
	DLR	STG	DMK	FFR
DLR -----	1.8585/90	1.6570/80	5.6345/65	OPEN
STG 1.8570/80	-----	3.0805/40	10.4710/4805	NOON
DMK 1.6548/6628	3.074/088	-----	29.34/50	FIX
FFR 5.6325/6445	10.4620/4800	339.61/340.2	-----	FIX
SFR 1.3670/3680	2.5385/5417	82.37/48	26.22/28	1300
HFL 1.3645	3.4640	112.405	33.06	FIX
ECU 1.2493	0.672099	2.07056	7.03868	CLOSE
SDR 1.37830	0.743620	2.28605	7.79842	CLSE
YEN 126.73/83	235.28/60	-----	-----	NOON

**NEW YORK**

NEW YORK		GCA CP	4/1	4/2	MURSH HULLER	28/1	28/1	SERV CORP	24/2	24/3	
NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY	GEN DYNAMICS	52/7	53/0	MURPHY OIL	19/2	19/2	SA STH PAC	22/5	22/5
A BSCH COH	32/2	32/1	GEKHART	1/1	1/1	NAT INTERG	6/5	6/4	SHRSN LHMN	19/7	19/4
ATLANTIC R	78/4	77/4	GEN DATA	4/3	4/3	NBI CORP	63/0	62/7	SHELL TRAN	80/7	80/7
AAR CORP	23/0	23/0	GEN ELECT	43/4	43/5	NCR CORP	22/1	22/2	SHER PLOU	53/4	53/4
AETNA LIFE	46/4	46/5	GEN HOST	10/0	10/0	NEW ENG EL	14/0	14/1	SINGER CO	49/3	49/3
ALASKA AIR	16/7	17/0	GEN HOUSWR	8/5	8/6	NEW PLA RE	37/6	37/6	SMITH INT	8/2	8/3
ALCAN ALUM	28/5	28/7	GEN INSTR	31/7	31/6	NEWELL CO.	34/7	34/7	SMITHK BEC	58/0	58/0
ALCO STAND	25/5	25/4	GEN MILLS	49/3	49/2	NEWMONT MI	36/3	36/3	SONY CP	40/4	40/7
AM CYANAMID	50/6	50/6	GEN MOTORS	71/6	71/6	NEWMT GLD	27/6	27/7	SOURCE CAP.	37/3	37/4
AM ELET PW	27/7	27/7	GEN SIGNAL	48/7	48/5	NICOR INC	7/5	7/4	SOUTHERN	22/1	22/1
AM HOW PRC	80/0	80/0	GENCORP	22/4	22/2	NL INDs	13/7	14/0	SPERRY	14/4	14/4
			GENETECH	42/2	42/6	NOBLE AFF	9/3	9/4	SQUARE D	52/5	52/4
			GENUINE PA	39/6	39/7	NORD RESOU	15/2	15/3		55/5	55/7

AM HON PRO	80/0	80/0	GEO PW7-80	0	78/0	NORTHROP	30/1	30/2	SQUIBB	65/2	65/1
AM HON PRO	79/5	79/7	GEORGI-PAC	36/6	36/6	NORTON	46/4	46/6	STALEY AE	0	89/2
AM STANDARD	74/2	73/2	GIBR FI CL	3/5	3/5	NOVO IND	26/3	26/5	STERL DRUG	56/6	56/7
AM STORES	54/4	54/4	GLOBAL MAR	1/6	1/6	NUCOR CORP	40/2	40/3	SUN CO	52/5	52/6
AM TEL-TEL	28/0	27/7	GOLDEN NUG	10/1	10/2	OAK INDS	1/0	1/1	SUNDSTRAND	4/0	4/0
AMOCO CORP	74/1	74/2	GOODRICH	49/5	49/7	OCC PETRPC	26/4	26/3	SUNSH MIN	22/3	23/0
AMP INC	49/7	49/7	GOODYEAR	59/7	59/7	OCEAN DRIL	19/5	19/4	SUPER VAL	16/7	16/7
AMPCO PIT	14/6	14/5	GOULD INC	12/3	12/4	OGDEN CORP	30/7	30/4	SOUTHWEST	21/3	21/4
AMR CORP	41/0	41/2	GRACE WR	26/7	26/6	OH ED CO	18/7	19/0	SW GAS	36/0	36/1
AMR GEM CO	35/1	35/1	GRAINGER	57/5	57/3	OHIO MATT	15/5	15/5	SUN BELL	39/3	39/3
AMERADA HE	30/0	30/2	GREYHOUND	30/3	30/3	OLIN CORP	49/6	49/6	TANDY CORP	0	22/5
ANTHEM ELE	12/0	12/0	GROLIER	24/0	15/7	OMNICARE	7/1	7/2	TECO ENERG	28/4	28/5
APACHE CP	7/7	7/7	GRUMMAN	19/1	19/2	ORION PICT	16/0	15/7	TEKTRONIX	330/6	330/6
APACHE PET	3/6	3/6	CHILE RES-C	13/0	13/2	PATINE HER	17/0	16/7	TELEDYNE	330/6	330/6

ARMCO INC	11/3	11/3	GULF RES-C	15/0	15/2	PARKER WELD	2/7	3/0	TELEDyne	51/0	51/1
ASARCO INC	25/0	24/7	GULF-WESTN	80/4	80/7	PAN AM	24/3	24/3	TELEX CORP	51/0	51/1
ASHLND OIL	64/5	65/0	HALLIBURTN	31/0	30/6	PANHANDLE	18/7	18/6	TERADYNE	15/6	15/7
ATLS CORP	38/0	38/1	HALLWOOD	15/1	15/1	PARK ELECT	3/7	3/7	TESORO PET	11/3	11/4
AVERY INT	23/5	23/4	HANNA MIN	25/6	25/7	PARKER DRI	37/1	37/2	TEX AMER B	3/5	3/5
AVNET INC	25/4	25/4	HARRIS CP	29/0	28/6	PARKER HAN	4/4	4/3	TEX EAS TR	31/7	31/6
AVON PRODS	23/5	23/6	HARTMARX	25/5	25/4	PATRCK PET	15/0	15/0	TEXACO	45/2	45/3
BELL ATLAN	68/4	68/6	HECLA MIN	13/3	13/3	PAYLSS CSH	6/4	6/6	TEXAS IND	0	33/1
BCE INC	31/4	31/4	HEILEMAN BR	0	40/5	PULLMAN CO	91/0	91/0	TEXAS INST	52/2	52/6
BELL-HOW	62/5	62/5	HEINZ HJ	41/4	41/2	PC IND8-96	22/7	46/0	TEXTRON	23/5	23/2
BETH STEEL	21/0	21/0	HEL CURTIS	30/5	30/7	PENN CENTR	45/2	44/7	THOMPS MED	13/0	13/2
BEVERLY	7/0	7/1	HELM-PAYNE	25/4	25/6	PENNEY JC	74/2	74/0	TIDEWATER	6/7	7/0
BNK BOSTON	23/4	23/2	HERCULES	50/3	50/2	PENNZOIL	18/1	18/3	TIGER INT	13/7	13/7
BNK BSTN-A	0	49/0	HESSTON	0	3/7	PEOPLES EN	37/1	37/4	TIMES MIRR	37/1	37/4

BNK N-YORK	28/7	28/7	HEW-Pack	61/7	62/3	PEPSICO	34/4	34/3	TIMKEN	68/4	68/1
BNK TR-NY	33/6	33/5	HEXCEL CP	42/5	43/0	PERKIN-ELM	27/6	27/6	TORCHMARK	29/7	29/7
BNKAMERICA	9/3	9/4	HILLENBRND	29/6	29/6	PFIZER	54/6	54/5	TOSCO	2/5	2/5
BNKAM SPEC	7/0	7/0	HILTN HTLS	89/0	88/4	PHELPS DOD	42/0	41/5	TOYS R US	35/2	35/4
BOEING CO	47/6	47/4	HITACHI	105/4	106/5	PHILIP MOR	91/2	91/2	TRANSAMER	34/7	35/0
BOISE CASC	47/1	47/1	HINSTKE MIN	15/0	16/2	PHILIPS PE	16/4	16/4	TRANSCO EN	27/6	28/0
BORDEN	54/1	53/7	HNDY-HARVN	16/7	16/7	PILLSBRUY	36/7	37/0	TRANSCO EX	6/7	7/0
BOWATER	35/7	35/5	HOLIDAY C	26/6	26/6	PINNACLE W	27/5	27/5	TRAVELLERS	36/5	36/7
BR TELECOM	47/0	46/6	HOME DEPOT	23/6	23/6	PITN-BOMES	43/4	43/4	TRINITY IN	28/7	28/7
BRIGGS-STR	31/0	31/1	HOME FED S	24/7	25/0	PITTSON	11/3	11/2	TV CORP	18/0	17/6
BRIST-MYER	43/0	43/0	HONDA MOTR	129/0	131/0	POLAROID	33/6	33/7	TRANSWORLD	25/0	25/1
BRUNSWICK	21/4	21/3	HONEYWELL	65/3	65/0	PORTLND GE	23/2	23/4	UTD BRAND	48/4	48/2
BURNDY CP	15/0	15/2	HOUGHTON MI	33/3	33/1	PRIME COMP	16/6	16/6	UTD TECH	39/5	39/7
C-T IND	14/0	14/1	HOUSTON IM	30/4	30/4	PRIME THNS	39/0	39/0			

C 3 INC	14/0	14/1	HOUSTRON IN	30/4	30/4	PRIME INNS	39/0	39/0	UGI CORP	26/6	27/0
CABOT CORP	34/1	33/7	HUGHES SUP	27/0	27/1	PRIMERICA	29/6	29/7	UNILEVER	61/2	61/2
CAESARS WO	24/0	24/1	HUMANA INC	24/0	24/1	PROCT-GAMB	79/7	79/7	UNION CAMP	35/1	35/2
CA FREIGHT	21/1	21/4	HUTTON EF	30/2	30/2	PUEBLO INT	0	25/2	UNION CARB	24/5	24/5
CAS NAT GS	15/2	15/4	IBM	115/0	115/2	PUGET SP-L	18/5	18/5	US SHOE	20/7	20/4
CAST-COKE	22/3	22/3	IC INDUST	35/2	35/2	PULTE HOME	7/5	7/7	USX CP.	31/6	32/1
CATERPI TR	63/7	63/4	ICN PHARMA	7/1	7/2	QUAKER OAT	45/5	45/5	US WEST	52/6	53/0
CBI IND	28/4	28/3	ILL PIR CO	22/6	22/7	QUAKER COR	22/4	22/3	U	34/4	34/5
CBS	163/0	162/0	INCO LTD	23/1	23/3	QUANTUM CH	87/0	86/7	VALERO EN	5/4	5/4
CENTEL CP	45/3	45/5	INGRSLL-RA	39/1	39/1	RALS PURIN	73/3	73/5	VALLEY IND	2/2	2/1
CENTRO DAT	2/4	2/4	INTL MINER	45/0	45/0	RAMADA INN	7/3	7/4	VARCO INTL	5/2	5/2
CHAMP INTL	36/5	36/3	JOHNSN-JNS	83/6	83/7	RANGER OIL	6/0	6/0	VARIAN ASS	29/4	29/3
CHAMP SPA	12/1	12/1	K MART CP	34/7	34/7	RAYCHEM	52/0	52/0	W UNION	3/7	3/7
CHARTER CO	4/6	4/7	KAISER ALM	11/6	11/7	RAYMARK	8/1	8/1			

#### Dow Jones Plus Indices

	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
IND	2,037.30	+ 2.32	2,042.77	2,031.17
TRANS	844.90	- 2.22	846.83	841.64
UTILS	176.80	- 0.54	177.22	176.39
STOCKS	760.44	- 0.37	761.53	758.52
NYSE COMP	149.44	- 1		
S-P COMPOSITE	265.02	+ 0.08		
NYSE IND'S	181.21	+ 0.06		
AMEX INDEX	296.80	+ 0.71		
NASD COMP	375.87	+ 0.39		
NASD BANKING	443.09	- 0.92		
NASD FIN'L	454.30	- 0.76		
NASD IND'S	388.21	+ 1.16		
S-P 100 INDEX	251.67	+ 0.12		

#### Wall Street Statistics Composite

NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME			AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME		
IER	24 1/8	+ 8 1/4	WANG LAB	8 13	+ 1/4
INTERM	10	UNCH	LORIMAR TE	15 3/8	- 3/8
Y'S	6 3/8	- 1/2	HOME SHOP	6	- 1/8
LLIPS P	16 1/8	- 3/8	INTL THORD	3/8	+ 1/16
ESTAKE	15	- 1 1/4	ASAMERA	9 3/8	- 1/8
CO HLDN	20	+ 5/8	DAMSON OIL	3/32	- 1/32
STRS	67 3/8	+ 1 3/8	DOME PETE	1	UNCH
SANTO	83 7/8	- 2 5/8	CHART MED	30 7/8	+ 2
STONE	61 3/4	- 3/4	NS GROUP	13 3/4	UNCH
NS JP	61 1/2	+ 5 3/4	TEXAS INTL	13/16	+ 1/16
LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE			AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE		
IRMS	6 7/8	+ 2 1/2	KILLEARN	7	+ 1 3/8
IER	24 1/8	+ 8 1/4	TRI HME PR	2 3/8	+ 3/8
ERINE	18 1/8	+ 4	ATLANTIS	5	+ 3/4
B ENER	8 1/8	- 7/8	XEROX SCOR	7	- 3/4
NE SVC	2 5/8	- 1/4	SYST ENG	5 1/2	- 1/2
VOLUME	58,263,100		AMEX VOLUME	4,406,300	
KS UP	457		STOCKS UP	230	
KS DOWN	752		STOCKS DOWN	200	
NASDAQ VOLUME	126,597,400				

New York, March 14, Reuter — Wall Street stocks showed little overall change at midday after a generally mixed morning. Major takeover deals dominated the market as traders awaited the US trade deficit report Thursday and triple witching hour on Friday.

The Dow 30 index was up two at 2037 and has traded between 2031 and 2043. A few more issues showed gains than losses. Trading was moderate.

GROLIER JUMPED 8-1/8 TO 24. THE COMPANY SAID ITS BOARD WOULD CONSIDER AN UNSOLICITED 21 DLRS PER SHR TENDER OFFER FOR ALL ITS SHARES MADE BY HACHETTE SA.

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## BUSINESS

### American business inventories rise 0.4pc

WASHINGTON, March 14, (Reuter): Stockpiles of unsold goods grew a surprisingly small 0.4 per cent in January after a 0.9 per cent increase in December, the government said today.

Economists had expected business inventories to rise about 0.8 per cent in January. The smaller rise suggested firms were succeeding in bringing output back into line with demand after a massive accumulation of unsold goods in the fourth quarter of 1987.

As a result, companies should not need to cut production sharply in the months ahead, boding well for the economy.

The Commerce Department said US business inventories rose \$3.0 billion during January to 705.85 billion. The 0.9 per cent rise in December was a revision from the Department's original estimate of 0.8 per cent.

**Sales**

Business sales fell in January by \$3.36 billion, or 0.7 per cent, to 462.78 billion after a December increase of \$5.53 billion, or 1.2 per cent.

The figures are adjusted for seasonal variations.

Inventories of durable goods rose to \$431.09 billion in January from \$428.95 billion, while non-durable inventories edged up to \$274.76 billion from \$273.90 billion, the Commerce Department said.

A breakdown of the figures showed most of the increase was at the wholesale level.

Retailers, who have been offering a wide range of discounts to move goods off the shelves, ran down their inventories in January.

Manufacturers' inventories increased to \$336.34 billion in January from \$333.66 billion in December, while retailers' stocks fell to 207.70 billion from 209.87 billion.

### Economic giants told to restructure their economies

MELBOURNE, Australia, March 14, (AP): Prime Minister Bob Hawke said today the world economy is facing its worst upheaval since World War II and urged the United States, Japan and West Germany to undertake large scale restructuring.

Hawke told a Congress of 800 trade unionists from 97 countries that increased exports, not protectionism, was the key.

"The world's major economies, notably the United States and Japan, have to undertake large scale economic reconstruction," he told the 14th World Congress of the International Congress of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU).

The ICFTU claims to represent some 87 million workers worldwide.

Organisers said the this year's conference, delayed so it could be held in Australia's bicentennial year, is the biggest ever. The congress traditionally meets every four years.

**Framework**

"The congress brings us together at a time when the world economy is experiencing stresses so extreme they threaten to undo the framework on which the international community has relied since World War II," said Hawke, a former president of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU).

"In the case of the US, the need is to become more export-oriented, particularly in terms of manufacturers and services," he said.

For Japan and West Germany, he said, the task is to promote production of non-traded goods and to import more.

"Let me stress increased protectionism is not the answer," Hawke said.

### Inter-American Bank to meet amid debt woes

WASHINGTON, March 14, (Reuter): The Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) holds its annual meeting this week in Caracas with critical new funding still held up by a voting rights row between the United States and Latin America.

Although IADB officials hope the meeting will set the stage for final negotiations on a \$23 billion infusion of funds, US policymakers are far less hopeful.

Economic leaders from Latin America and officials from the industrial countries begin gathering in Caracas on Thursday. The formal three-day meeting starts on March 21.

**Talks**

The talks come as Latin America and its foreign creditors are still muddling through 5-1/2 years after the debt crisis erupted in 1982.

Despite innovations such as Mexico's recent bonds-for-loans exchange, no way has been found to ease significantly the region's \$400 billion debt burden and

### Sterling drops slightly

## Dollar eases, gold little changed

LONDON, March 14, (Reuter): The shadow of the announcement due later this week of US January trade figures fell across money markets today.

Concern that America's trade gap may be seen to have widened when the figures are announced on Thursday depressed Tokyo share prices and weakened the dollar, dealers reported.

The dollar meanwhile touched quoted lows in early European trading of 1.6548 West German marks and 126.45 yen. It had ended last week in New York at 1.6585 and 127.25.

Estimates for the US January trade deficit generally range from \$13 to 14 billion, although Kleinwort Benson predicts a \$14.5 billion shortfall.

"The market won't like it, they won't like it at all," said Smithson of that figure. "It is as much as that, the dollar will grow weaker."

"The stock and currency markets have not really moved a great deal recently, and there is pent-up energy," said a fund manager at the Bank of Tokyo.

"There is a possibility they will move on the (US trade) numbers."

**Dropped**

The British pound sterling dropped slightly, ending in Tokyo at \$1.8535/40.

In other regional share markets, the main Sydney share index rose seven points to 1,361.3 while Hong Kong's Hang Seng index fell eight points to 2,583, according to preliminary figures.

Gold, meanwhile, ended the day in Tokyo at around \$444.10 an ounce compared to New York's Friday close of \$441.50.

London stocks firmed at the start of business but by mid-morning the FTSE index of 100 blue chip British stocks had eased to just below its Friday close of 1,811.6.

London investors hope for tax cuts in a British budget due tomorrow, but enthusiasm is checked by the present strength of the pound sterling which threatens to pinch export earnings.

The pound appreciated sharply last week, as relatively high British interest rates attracted international money to sterling assets, and this morning rose as high as 3,083.8 marks and \$1.8610 before easing a little.

**Easier**

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business.

"Everyone is cautious because of the dollar. It hasn't changed much since Friday but there is a fear it could decline during the course of the week," one dealer said. German exporters' stocks are particularly sensitive to dollar weakness.

Early quotas suggested the North Sea oil price, barometer of world trends, were a little easier on news from Baghdad that Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer had said he did not favour new Opec output cuts to deal with an oversupply in the market.

Crude from the British North Sea Brent field traded for May loading around \$14.80 a barrel, after being above \$15 on Friday, traders said.

Oil is not the only commodity in oversupply, nor was the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries the only commodity organisation that was in trouble over how to defend a price line.

Cocoa prices began in London £1.3 (\$24) a tonne lower at £940 (\$1,748) a tonne following the collapse of International Cocoa Agreement (Iccco) talks early Saturday morning.

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The show is expected to give a fresh impetus to the last year's rise in the trade exchange between China and Kuwait, according to Yuan Shaofen, the commercial counsellor at the Chinese embassy.

The trade between the two countries was marked by a gradual decline between the late 1970s and 1987, when the volume of trade rose to \$140 million, Shaofen said.

**Assistance**

The oil revenues also enabled Arab countries to extend development assistance at both regional and international levels.

Noting the instability in the international oil market, Klibi called for widening the scope of cooperation between oil-producing and consuming countries.

He also stressed the need for Arab integration in the industrial sector, especially in refining and petrochemical industries, by setting up of joint ventures and world demand.

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## The world today



A TRADITIONAL Javanese house made of cake is on display at Jakarta's Convention Hall. The house measures 7.5 metres wide, 5.75 metres high and 5.5 metres long and is made of 51,090 pieces of cake. Next to it is a 10-metre high 'Garuda' bird, Indonesia's national symbol, made entirely of icing sugar. Bakers Joyce Aswan and Nila Chandra hope the work gets recognition from the Guinness Book of World Records. (Reuter wirephoto)



HIS favourite ivory-handled pistol at his hip, Angolan rebel leader Jonas Savimbi talks with a senior commander at his bush headquarters on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



A JEWELLER in the Dubai gold souk shows off a 21-carat gold pacifier to keep baby quiet for a mere \$160. The jeweller sells one a month on average, mainly to wealthy local Arabs. (Reuter wirephoto)



SIÂN EDWARDS, 33, at the Royal Opera House in London's Covent Garden on Sunday where she will make her debut as the Royal Opera's first woman conductor. Her first performance will be on April 29, conducting a new production of Sir Michael Tippett's 'The Knot Garden' with the composer present. (Reuter wirephoto)



FRENCH President François Mitterrand followed by West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl goes first to greet the staff which will prepare their dinner before beginning bilateral talks in Durbach, West Germany, yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



RESCUE workers look over the damage caused after two avalanches smashed into the tiny Austrian ski resort of St Anton early Sunday. The avalanche killed seven people who were still in their beds. Five of the dead were Swedish and two others local Austrians. Two huge masses of snow and rubble plunged down a steep mountainside in quick succession at about 6:50 am local time. (Reuter wirephoto)



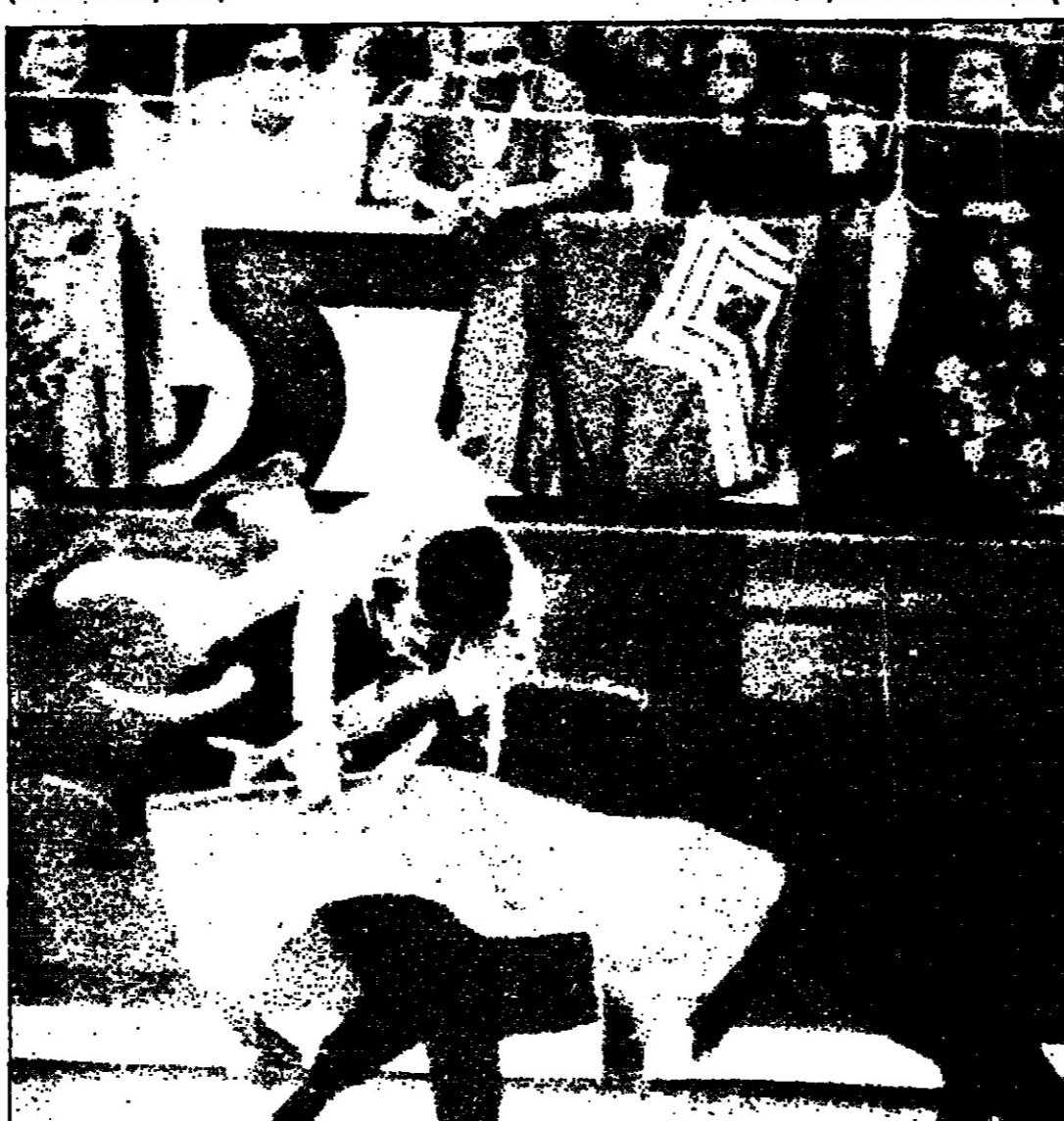
LIEUTENANT COLONEL Peter Gange (left) of Nato's Firecorps in discussion with Soviet military observer Colonel Viktor Kolegov at the Nato exercise 'Arrowhead Express' in Tromsø, Norway, on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



SOME 2,000 people of all races packed a Cape Town cathedral on Sunday for an interfaith service in protest at the South African crackdown on dissent. Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Rev. Allan Boesak condemned the government for threatening to act against the churches. (Reuter wirephoto)



POLICE and reporters look at some of the 200 kilograms of No. 3 heroin which was seized in a raid early Sunday morning in Hong Kong. It was the biggest haul of heroin in the British colony, and was equivalent to half the total amount seized last year, a police official said. (Reuter wirephoto)



NOVICE bullfighter Miguel Marcos gets lifted off the ground by a raging bull during the first fight of the day on Sunday. Marcos was slightly gored in his left leg and could not continue the fight. (Reuter wirephoto)



EGYPTIAN President Hosni Mubarak (right) and United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan pose in front of the pyramid of Chephren at Giza yesterday. They visited the pyramids and had a working lunch near the Pharaonic monuments. (Reuter wirephoto)

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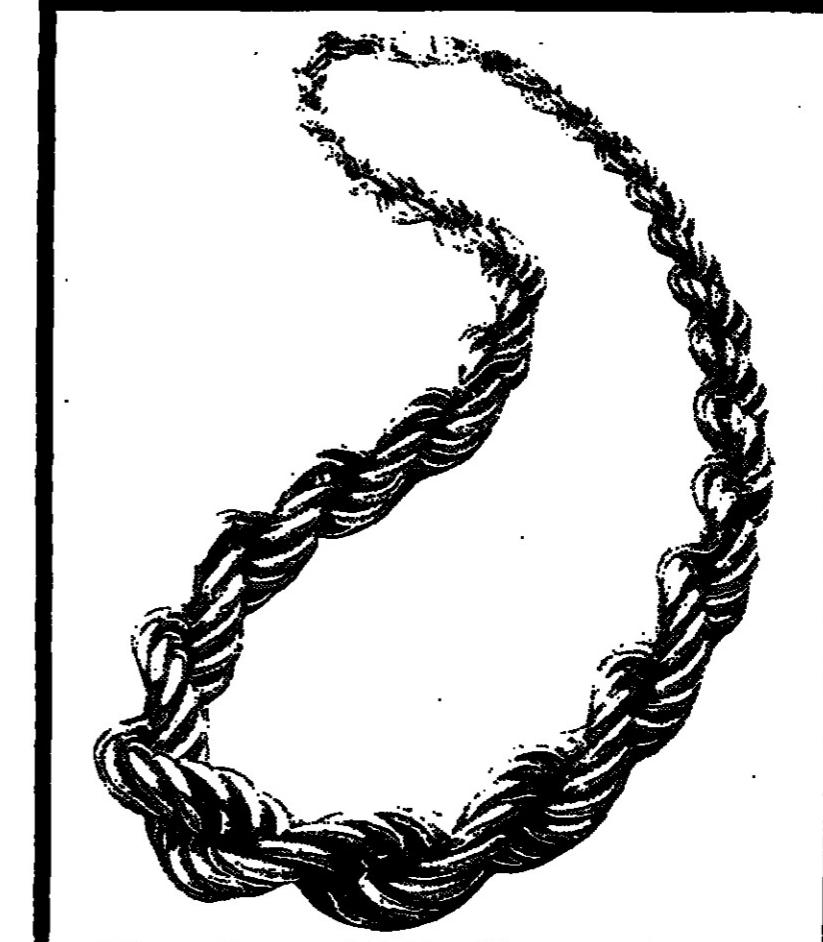
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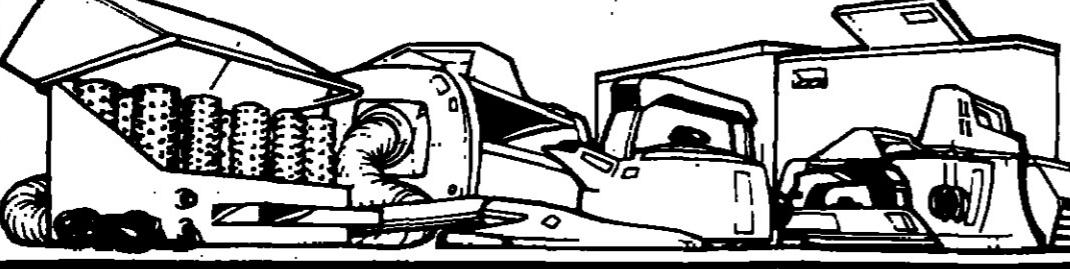
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**SPORTS**

**Chesnokov enjoys limelight of 1st big win**

MIAMI, Fla., March 14, (Reuter): Andrei Chesnokov, the best Soviet tennis player to emerge for more than a decade, is probably the richest after his first big victory last week.

The unseeded and relatively unknown Chesnokov stormed his way past the sport's top players to win the Florida Orlando Classic and collect a first-prize cheque for \$59,000 on Saturday.

So how many rubles could he exchange the dollars for?

"At the bank probably 50,000. On the black market much more," Chesnokov joked.

Ranked only 29th in the world, Chesnokov was tipped to get no further than the quarterfinals of the tournament, contested by Mats Wilander of Sweden, West German Boris Becker, American Jimmy Connors and Milosav Mecir of Czechoslovakia.

He beat Mecir in Saturday's final 7-6 (8-6) 6-1 in the first Czech-Soviet final in Grand Prix tennis for 15 years.

"I can't believe it," said a smiling Chesnokov.

"It is such a surprise to win such a big tournament. I am so happy and excited."

"I like to play in the United States because it is nice and because I won the tournament."

The victory, the first by a Soviet player in the United States since a 1974 victory by Alex Metreveli, will do much to encourage tennis interest in the Soviet Union, he said.

Chesnokov said parts of the final against Mecir would probably appear on Moscow television because General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev is a tennis fan.

**Screened**

The first time Chesnokov saw tennis on Soviet television was the 1979 Wimbledon final between Bjorn Borg of Sweden and American Roscoe Tanner.

But since then tennis has been screened more regularly.

"They talk about the wins. Every time a Russian player does well it is good for tennis in Russia. It is much better now."

Chesnokov, who learned to play at the Sparta Club in Moscow, first came to the attention of Western tennis watchers when he beat American Eliot Teltscher at the French Open in 1985.

The man who spoke hardly a word of English then, has made impressive strides both in his grasp of the language and in his game, putting in appearances in the finals at Wellington and Sydney.

Chesnokov said he is required to return to the Soviet Union every few weeks and maintains daily telephone contact with the Soviet Tennis Federation.

Chesnokov is reticent about his aspirations.

He would like to reach the top of the sport but for the time being, he is enjoying basking in the limelight of his first major win.

**Kelly triumphs in Paris-Nice race**

NICE, France, March 14, (AP): Ireland's Sean Kelly maintained his advantage during a steep individual time trial yesterday and won the 38th Paris-Nice cycling race for the seventh consecutive time.

The 31-year-old rider had the best time in the second part of the stage up the mountain outside Nice. He beat France's Ronan Pensec by 18 seconds overall in the race which started last Tuesday in Paris and continued south for more than 1,000 kilometres.

Pensec, second in yesterday afternoon's time trial, finished two seconds after Kelly.

**GARRISON AND ADAMS TAKE DOUBLES CROWN****Sabatini upsets Graf for first time**

BOCA RATON, Fla., March 14, (AP): Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina upset an error-prone Steffi Graf, the world's top-ranked woman player, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1, in the final of the \$300,000 Virginia Slims of Florida tournament yesterday.

The 17-year-old Sabatini, who had beaten second-seeded Chris Evert for the first time in the semifinals, won the last six games from Graf to bank the \$60,000 first prize.

**Career**

It was her first victory over the West German as well after 11 straight losses.

"I guess it's the best week of my career," Sabatini said. "It's important to win this kind of match. Everyone wants to beat her. This proves it can be done."

"My goal is to become No. 1. That's what I worked for."

Sabatini, ranked fifth worldwide and seeded fourth in the tournament, snapped Graf's 30-match winning streak to hand the 18-year-old her third loss in 108 matches since the start of last year.

Graf, who won \$24,000, lost twice to Martina Navratilova last year, in the Wimbledon and



Sabatini returns a serve from Graf. (Reuter wirephoto)

US Open finals.

"The difference in this match and all the others I lost to Graf was more mental," Sabatini said after the two-hour duel. "I concentrated more and had confidence. When the third set started I felt 'now I can win.'"

Graf, who committed 39 unforced errors, won the first set handily, winning the first three games with two service breaks.

But she had two bursts of unforced errors in the second set that proved costly.

Graf committed six straight errors to lose service in the sixth game and put the South American up 30-0 in the seventh.

Then Sabatini broke Graf's

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida, March 14, (AP): Top-seeded Mats Wilander and Steffi Graf will vie with 254 other players for \$2.1 million in prize money in the injury-depleted Lipton Grand Prix International Players Championships which was to start this evening.

Three of the top four and five of the top 10 men's players and two of the top four women are absent.

The missing men include No. 1-ranked Ivan Lendl, who learned from X-rays last week that what he thought was a foot bruise was instead a stress fracture. He's expected to be sidelined up to six weeks.

No. 3 Stefan Edberg pulled out because of a virus, No. 6 Pat Cash withdrew with an Achilles' tendon injury and 10th-ranked Brad Gilbert was sidelined with a foot injury. John McEnroe is absent because of a back injury, and fourth-rated Boris Becker is not playing because he dislikes the tournament.

The women's field is without fourth-seeded Pam Shriver and

No. 2 Martina Navratilova, who is resting tender knees for the clay-court season.

"We've really been unlucky," tournament chairman Butch Buchholz said. "I believe these things go in cycles. Last year we had everybody."

The tournament is four years old and it takes a week to get entrenched. All I can say is we'll survive."

Men's favourites are the No. 2-ranked Wilander, fifth-ranked Jimmy Connors and defending champion Milosav Mecir, ranked seventh.

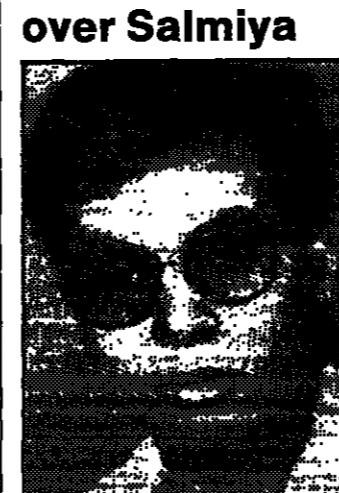
The women's favourite is Graf. The No. 1-ranked West German, now 18, beat Navratilova in the semifinals and swept past Evert in the finals 6-1, 6-2 to win last year's tourney.

Mecir swept Lendl 7-5, 6-2, 7-5 in last year's men's finals. He lost Saturday in the finals of the DuPont Classical Orlando, Florida, to Andrei Chesnokov, who became the first Soviet to win a men's professional tennis tournament in the United States since 1979.

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**Oxford score 60-run win over Salmyia**



Hatim: all-round performance

OXFORD Cricket Club scored an easy 60-run victory over Salmyia XI at the Hilton ground on Friday.

Oxford, batting first, were given a good start by their openers Nadeem and Hatim who put on 95 runs for the first wicket in only 16 overs.

Oxford scored 181 runs for the loss of six wickets in the 25 allotted overs. Nadeem was the highest scorer with 65 while Hatim hit 42 and Naeem 30.

**Openers**

In reply, Salmyia started on a cautious note but lost their first wicket for only six runs. Once the openers were parted, Salmyia started losing wickets at regular intervals and were all out for 121.

Hatim followed up his excellent batting performance to capture four wickets for 22. Musa took two wickets.

**Cantt outlast Green Star**

CANTT Cricket Club beat Green Star by one run in a friendly match played at the Rumeithya ground on Friday.

After winning the toss, Cantt opted to bat and were all out for only 77. Only Naveen 24 and Sharif 20 played with some responsibility as no other batsman could reach the double figures.

**Accurate**

For Green Star, Arshad took four wickets, Khalid three and Mujahid two.

In reply, Green Star were all out for 76. Mujahid with 27 and Khalid 15 were the main scorers.

No other batsman could face the accurate bowling of Subhail who took seven wickets for only 11 runs.

Zahid captured three wickets.

**Mauling**

If so, the Tyson camp expect Tubbs to concentrate on a mauling fight, trying to pull the champion into clinches against the ropes.

Such clinches were frequent during the sparring, as were trainer Kevin Rooney's entreaties to Tyson to: "Punch your way out. Punch your way out."

Former World Boxing Association champion Tubbs, taller and heavier than Tyson, threw some powerful punches and good left-right combina-

**Barkley scores 42 points to lead 76ers past tough Bullets**

PHILADELPHIA, March 14, (AP): Charles Barkley scored 30 of his 42 points in the second half and grabbed 15 rebounds, leading the Philadelphia 76ers to a 104-96 victory over the Washington Bullets yesterday.

Washington lost for only the second time in its last nine games.

The Bullets lead the 76ers and New York Knicks by a half-game in the chase for the final playoff spot in the Atlantic Division.

Mike Giminski added 17 points and 15 rebounds for the 76ers. Jeff Malone scored 24 and John Williams 19 for the Bullets.

Celtics 117, Hawks 100

Larry Bird and Danny Ainge combined for 41 first-half points as the Boston Celtics took a 23-point halftime lead and coasted to their fifth consecutive victory.

Tom Chambers scored 19 of his 25 points on perfect third-quarter shooting — 6-for-6 from the floor and 7-for-7 from the foul line — to lead a 35-16 burst that boosted Seattle's lead from 46-41 with 20 seconds gone in the period to 81-75 with 2:24 left.

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In the first half, Chambers hit only one of four shots and three of six free throws for five points.

Golden State, 16-44, and playing without Ralph Sampson and Larry Smith, was led by Dave Feit with a career-high 19 points.

Trail Blazers 121, Clippers 100

Kevin Duckworth scored 29 points and Clyde Drexler added 23 as Portland beat the Clippers.

It was the Trail Blazers' eighth straight victory and 11th in their last 12 games.

Portland held the Clippers to 36 points in the first half as Duckworth scored 11 of his total in the second period, helping the Trail Blazers to a 52-36 halftime lead.

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**Standings**

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Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	44	19	.698	—
Washington	26	34	.433	16-1/2
New York	26	35	.426	17
Philadelphia	26	35	.426	17
New Jersey	16	45	.262	27-1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	41	20	.672	—
Atlanta	37	23	.617	3-1/2
Chicago	35	26	.574	6
Milwaukee	34	26	.567	6-1/2
Indiana	30	31	.492	11
Cleveland	30	32	.482	11-1/2

Western Conference  
Midwest Division

X-Dallas	41	19	.683	—
Denver	37	24	.607	4
Houston	36	24	.600	5
Utah	33	28	.541	8-1/2
San Antonio	22	37	.373	17-1/2
Sacramento	18	43	.295	22-1/2

Pacific Division

X-LA Lakers	49	12	.803	—
Portland	39	21	.652	9-1/2
Seattle	33	29	.532	16
Phoenix	17	44	.279	32
Golden State	16	46	.381	32-1/2
LA Clippers	12	47	.203	37

**Lions defeat City Boys**

LIONS Cricket Club beat City Boys Cricket Club by 28 runs in a Champion of Champions Tournament match at the Yarmouk ground on Friday.

Lions, after winning the toss and bat first, opened their innings through Omer and Farooq but the former was out on the first delivery, caught behind off Muzzadil. Lions were soon in trouble losing their first five wickets for only 29.

The allegations come amid mounting international pressure for Budd, 21, who was born and raised in South Africa, to be barred from the World Cross-country Championships in New Zealand on March 26.

The IAAF were discussing the latest developments in London today. They declined to comment, but said a statement was being drafted and would be released within 24 hours.

The Supreme Council for

**SPORTS**

Sindelar hits 12-under-par for victory

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla., March 14. (Reuter): American Joey Sindelar held on through the stretch yesterday and won the PGA's \$700,000 Coral Springs Classic by two strokes over compatriots Payne Stewart, Ed Fiori and Sandy Lyle of Britain.

The 29-year-old Sindelar shot a two-under-par 70 in the brisk breezes at the Eagle Trace Country Club for a 12-under-par total.

It was the fourth victory of his five year career and was worth \$126,000.

Ken Brown of Britain was second to Sindelar at the start of the day but he struggled to a seven-over-par 79. His total of 286 left him in a tie for 29th place.

His most disastrous holes were at the par five eighth hole where he hit his third shot in the water and suffered a triple bogey eight. He also suffered a double bogey six at the 14th hole.

Sindelar was in control all day although in the latter stages of the round his lead dwindled to one stroke. However, Lyle and Stewart opened the door when they each bogeyed the final hole.

Sindelar had five birdies and three bogeys in his round and said: "I was really pleased with the way I made the short putts, the four and five footers. They made the difference."

Lyle had four birdies and only one bogey and trailed Sindelar by only one shot playing the last hole.

His tee shot was into a bunker and he had an awkward stance for his second shot. He hit to the right of the green, then pitched on and missed a 10-footer that would have saved his par.

"I had a lot of birdie chances early in the round," Lyle said, "but my putter wasn't working very well."

### Charity one-day cricket match ruled out

WELLINGTON, March 14. (Reuter): A charity one-day cricket match between England and New Zealand to aid flood relief in areas devastated by cyclone Bola last week, has been turned down by the New Zealand Cricket Council (NZCC).

A match had been proposed for Thursday at Gisborne in the heart of the stricken area.

But the two countries play their third one-day international of a four-match series at nearby Napier on Wednesday and the final match is in Auckland on Saturday.

#### Arranged

"I don't think it would have been fair to play three games in four days," NZCC executive director Graham Dowling said.

It could not be arranged for later because New Zealand are committed to a triangular tournament in Sharjah starting on March 25.

Although five inches (12.7 cms) of rain fell in one day last week, Napier escaped much of the devastation. Officials have been battling to get the ground fit and it is reported fairly dry and playable. England lead the series 2-0.

### OTTMAR LANGE TO CO-DRIVE FOR MICHEL SALEH

## Fastest line crucial, says Bin Sulayem

By Gail Seery

REIGNING Middle East Rally Champion Mohammed Bin Sulayem was yesterday the guest of honour at a press dinner organised for him and fellow Marlboro team-mates Tareq Al Wazzan and Eid Falah, at the SAS Hotel. He told the Arab Times that this year's Kuwait International Rally, to be held on Thursday and Friday, was a very fast rally — even faster than last year's event.

"As a result I'm spending time searching for the fastest line," he said. "If you can save a second per corner by having a better line, over 100 corners that's a hundred seconds."

#### Important

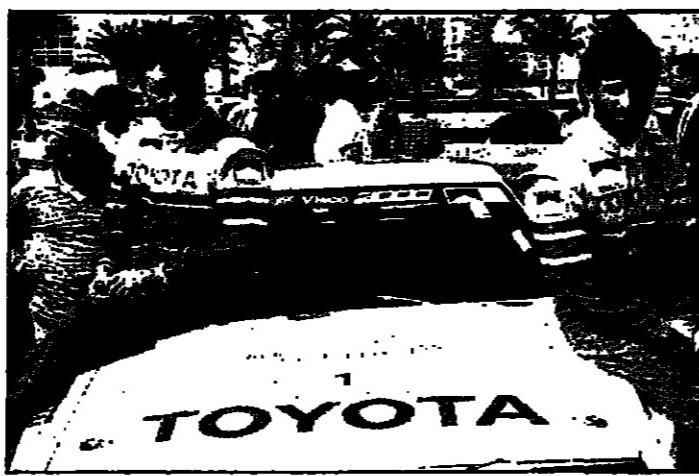
"The Audi Quattro has an advantage on every rally in the Middle East," he said, referring to Qatar rival Saeed Al Hajri's car. "It's won the World Championship twice in 1983 and 1984, and it can certainly win the Middle East Championship."

Bin Sulayem said that he would be pushing right from the start for this rally, and that he expected average speeds of around 140 kph — with cars approaching 230 kph, "or whatever the car will give" in places.

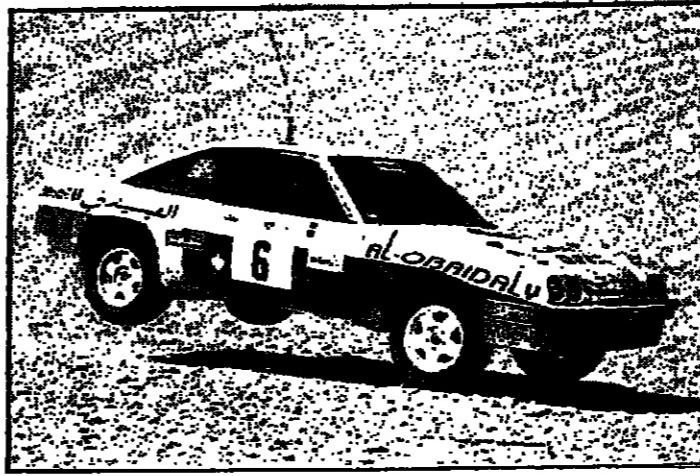
"It is very important for me to win in Kuwait. This is the second round of the Middle East Championship, and as much it's not crucial, however, the championship is more important than one rally."

Sulayem has been practising the six stages which comprise this year's event and currently has engine problems with his practice car. "That's not surprising," he said. "If you think about it the practice car has to do six times as much work as the rally car itself, as we go over the stages again and again in the days leading up to the rally."

He has been pleased with his new co-driver, 33 year old Irishman Ronan Morgan, who formerly drove for Al Hajri. "Ronan is very experienced, and



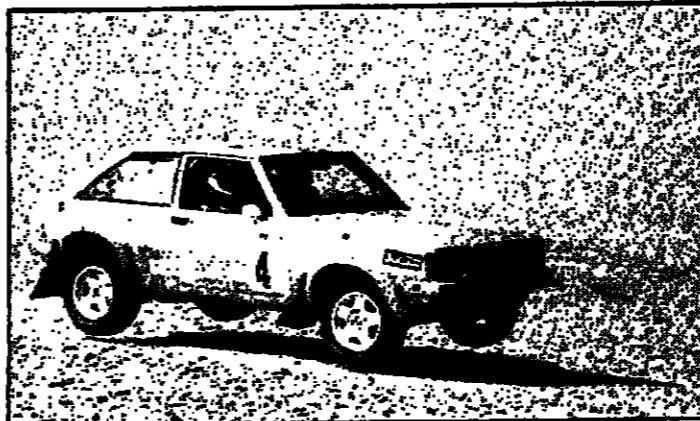
Morgan (left) and Bin Sulayem



Mubarak Al Hajri



Michel Saleh



Abbas Al Mousawi

will be good for me on outside events," he said, mentioning that he expected to drive in the world championship Acropolis Rally early this summer.

Morgan added, "We have already spent one rally together, and we worked well as a team. It's important when you live together 24 hours a day that you can be good friends and get the work done." He continued, "I've been very privileged to co-drive for the two best drivers in the Middle East." He explained that he left Saeed, not because of any disharmony, but because of sponsorship problems which left plans for the season vague until the last moment. By the time the sponsors had made up their

minds, he had committed himself to Sulayem.

Mohammed Bin Sulayem and Saeed Al Hajri driving a Rothmans Audi Quattro, represent a level of driving, cars and support which other entrants cannot aspire to.

The man most likely to benefit from a mistake from either driver is Michel Saleh of Lebanon, also driving a Quattro, who has entered this event with a surprise new co-driver Kuwait's ex-B seeded driver Ottmar Lange, who has not participated in an event since last year's Kuwait International when he was post excluded as the result of an administrative misunderstanding.

ing has agreed to come out of retirement for this event, and the two began their practice yesterday.

Abbas Al Mousawi of Qatar thinks that the stages chosen by the organisers are more suited to foreign entrants than to local drivers, as it is mainly the foreign entrants who have entered the powerful group B cars. "The stages are built for the cars in front of me," he said, referring to the Toyota Celica Turbo driven by Sulayem, and the Quattro. "I will be pushing hard — not to catch the top cars, but to stay in touch in case anything goes wrong for them." He recalled that this had been the situation in Dubai in 1986 when he came

third. However, "It's harder now

to drive in the Oman and Dubai rallies, and if his placing is good in this week's event, also in Kuwait. He has no doubt as to who will win the rally, and is strong in support of his older brother.

However the young Al Hajri is adamant that he is not here for experience alone, but for points in the Middle East Championship. "I'm very grateful to my sponsors Al Ghani," he said.

local entrants.

He is very critical about the stages. "They didn't think about their own drivers, and gave all the advantage to outsiders," he alleged. However, he respects many of the local drivers, "If either Wazzan or Zafiri had the car they would both be capable of getting results," he said. He looks forward to the expected advent of Group A cars next year.

A fellow Qatar entrant, is twenty two year old Mubarak Al Hajri, brother of Saeed. He is joined in the Opel Manta 400 by his cousin — also called Mubarak Al Hajri. This young driver took fourth place in the Qatar International last month, and has been tipped for a promising future.

He has gained extensive local experience, and has also driven in a few international events. He was Qatar Champion in 1984 and 85, and finished all the local rallies in Qatar.

For this rally he is being backed by Al Ghani, and it is his first time to drive in Kuwait. He is very happy with his car, and has taken it to second place in Qatar twice.

"This rally is easier than Qatar he said. It's a good fast rally, and my cousin is an experienced co-driver."

#### Aiming

He doesn't feel that having the name Al Hajri is a problem for him. "Al Hajri is a lucky name for rallies," he asserts. The driver, one of the youngest entrants in the event, is aiming at 3rd or 4th place, and hopes to come in behind the factory teams. They will definitely go on to drive in the Oman and Dubai rallies, and if his placing is good in this week's event, also in Kuwait.

Al Mousawi has been supported with full backing from Merck, including both practice and rally car. One disappointment was that his co-driver for the Qatar rally could not here as he was unable to get a visa. He is instead joined by Abdul Wahid Abdul Haye, who has co-driven for most of the Qatars at one time or another.

"This year I'll do the whole

Middle East Championship in this Group B car," continued Mousawi. The car is a Peugeot Talbot, and whilst it cannot rank with the front runners, it outclasses most cars being driven by two dope tests.

### Swedish Open

STOCKHOLM, March 14. (Xinhua) All the five titles in the Swedish Open Badminton Championships fell into Chinese hands at the Malmo, Sweden yesterday. The results of the five finals are as follows: Men's singles: Xiong Guobao, China, bt Jens Olson, Sweden, 15-9, 15-4. Men's doubles: Tian Bingyi/Li Yongbo, China, bt Cheng Kang/Cheng Hongyong, China, walkover. Women's singles: Han Jing, China, 11-3, 11-1. Women's doubles: Lin Ying-Guan WeiZhen, China, bt Lao Yujing/Zhang Yuli, China, 15-4, 15-8. Mixed doubles: Wang Pengren/Shi Fangting, China, bt Jon Holst-Christensen-Helle Andersen, Denmark, 15-9, 15-6.

### AI Mulla League

FALCON Cricket Club beat Kifco by 33 runs at Ahmadia on Friday in an Al Mulla Mitsubishi League match. Falcon scored 164 while Kifco were all out for 131. In the second match Kokan defeated Union by 105 runs. Kokan scored 279 for four while Union could only manage 174.

### Kuwait win

KUWAIT beat Oman 2-0 in a Gulf Football Tournament match in Saudi Arabia yesterday. Both the goals were scored by Salah Hassawi. Kuwait led 1-0 at halftime. Kuwait has only one match remaining in the tournament — against Saudi Arabia.

### Verona player

GENEVA, March 14. (Reuter): Verona defender Silvano Fontolan has been banned from European competition for a year and his club fined 50,000 Swiss francs (\$37,000) after he failed two dope tests.

### Algerian star

MILAN, Italy, March 14. (Reuter): Internazionale Milan today denied a newspaper report they had signed Algerian soccer star Rabah Madjer from European champions Porto.

### Boniek recalled

WARSAW, March 14. (Reuter): Zbigniew Boniek, Poland's outstanding player of the last decade but absent from the national team for more than a year, has been recalled for a soccer friendly against Northern Ireland next week.

### Australian Cup

MELBOURNE, March 14. (Reuter): In one of the biggest upsets in Australian horse racing, 125-1 outsider Dandy Andy stormed home to beat pre-race favourite Vo Rogue in the Australian Cup today.

### WBA president

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, March 14. (AP): World Boxing Association (WBA) president Gilberto Mendoza was due today to oversee new tests of urine from super bantamweight champion Bernardo Pinago of Venezuela, who reportedly tested positive for cocaine after his title fight.

### Richards may miss matches

KINGSTON, Jamaica, March 14. (Reuter): West Indies captain Viv Richards is likely to miss the remaining four one-day internationals against Pakistan.

Allan Rae, president of the West Indies Cricket Board of Control, said yesterday that Richards suffered pain and discomfort from haemorrhoids during the first limited overs match on Saturday and would need an operation.

He said it was hoped that Richards would be fit for the first Test starting in Georgetown, Guyana, on April 2.

## Algeria held to draw



Members of the Zaire team embrace each other after the match. (Reuters photo)

der.

Earlier Morocco, the surprise team at the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico where they progressed to the second round, were reduced to 10 men in their clash with Zaire and were unable to hang on to a 1-0 lead.

Veteran striker Merry Krimau put them ahead with a 41st minute penalty against Zaire, but they were never convincing leaders and, when Abderrazzak Khairy — who scored twice for Morocco against Portugal in Mexico — was sent off for a foul on Mbote Nidinka on the hour they struggled to protect their lead.

Zaire, playing in front of 80,000 Moroccans, fought back and levelled in the 89th minute when substitute Vu Luonod fired in a powerful low shot.

## Liverpool to face Forest

LONDON, March 14. (Reuter): Liverpool, firmly on course to land the English League and FA Cup double for the second time in two years, will play Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest in the Cup semifinals on April 9.

The other tie in the draw made today paired Wimbledon against Luton.

**Success**  
Although the odds are against it, this year's final could be a repeat of 1959 when Forest beat Luton 2-1. That was the last time both sides played at Wembley in an FA Cup final.

Liverpool seem in unstoppable form and yesterday's quarter-final 4-0 success over Manchester City was achieved in typically deadly fashion.

The clubs have not yet met in the First Division this season. But they are now booked for three confrontations in the space of 11 days next month.

### RESULTS of the Hilton Bridge Club game held on Sunday:

1. Mansour Sabri & K.T. Simon
2. Sadir Dossa & Malcolm Monteiro
3. Salman Ali & George Massoud
- Results of the Habiba Centre Bridge Club game held on Saturday evening: N/S
1. Darlene Makrilia & Syamal Chaudhury
2. Lyn Edwards & Pearl Levy
3. Ghazi & Yasir
- E/W
1. Aswara & Bhakti
2. Eddie & Iman
3. Celia Grogan & George Massoud
- Results of the Menzies Ladies Bridge Club game held on Saturday morning:
1. Lyn Edwards & Pearl Levy
2. Fatima Abdu & Anna McNally
3. Rita Cawood & Doreen Mystery
- Results of the Shireen's Ladies Bridge Club game held last Wednesday: N/S
1. Nahid Akel & Lolita Mertchikova
2. Rima Farah & Nadege Iskander
3. Margaret Rob-Whitaker & Elly Lammer
- E/W
1. Lyn Edwards & Suzanne Cattermole
2. Mandy Clarke & Diana Palk
3. Alice Nasir & Janice Bridges

## Real aim to oust Bayern from European Cup



Sanchez (right): scored one goal against Bilbao

team and great fighting spirit. I guarantee Bayern will be eliminated," Mendoza said.

There is markedly less optimism across Madrid at Atletico where controversial president Jesus Gil Y Gil is under fire on all fronts.

Atletico, held 0-0 by Valladolid, have gone five matches without a win and Gil accused the editor of sports news

paper Marca of being a 'clown' following an editorial criticising his running of the club.

Marca said Gil's hunger for quick results was demoralising the side. "In the last few weeks this impatience was transformed into unprecedented verbal incontinence which caused confusion in the club," the paper said.

Bayern's victory and West German League leaders Werder Bremen's 1-0 defeat at Stuttgart, saw the Bavarians move within two points of their rivals at the top.

PSV mid-fielder Lothar Matthaeus scored the Bayern goal but the West Germans did little to distinguish themselves.

Werder, who have lost just two games all season, will be in action in the UEFA Cup against Verona, whom they beat 1-0 in Italy.

The club are assured of the highest takings in their history. The newly renovated Weser stadium will have a capacity 40,000 crowd and Werder expect to net \$900,000 including television and advertising rights.

Having been paired with Napoli, Porto and Bayern in succeeding rounds, few neutrals would begrudge Real a seventh European Cup — a sentiment not shared in the Netherlands, however, where PSV Eindhoven are coping rather well despite the loss of Rudd Gullit to